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CHINA'S FATE MAY SOON BE SETTLED

TROOPS MASSED FOR DECISIVE ENGAGEMENTS

Safety Of Central Provinces Rests On "Hindenberg Line"

Hankow, Jan. 14.

The most decisive battle since the beginning of Sino-Japanese hostilities is expected very soon in the Shantung-Kiangsu border region. Military information reveals that over 400,000 Chinese troops are concentrated along the Tientsin-Pukow and the Lunghai railways near Hsuehow.

Crack Chinese troops, specially and thickly arranged on both flanks of the railway lines are ready to strangle the Japanese advance columns to death if they make a dash along the railway.

The Chinese authorities have paid much attention in past years to the matter of consolidating a national defence line along the Lunghai railway with its reinforced concrete "Hindenberg Line."

The results of this decisive battle north of Hsuehow will determine the fate of Central China, it is stated. Meanwhile Chen Cheng, young, smart, right-hand man of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, has assumed office as commander of the garrison forces of the Wuhan triple cities (Wuchang, Hankow and Han-yang), and this means that Chen Cheng will be the man defending the Wuhan area, whenever the cities are endangered.

In the meantime, keen observers continue to toy with rumours regarding Dr. Oscar Trautmann's continual efforts as peace mediator, and many people are gossiping that he has succeeded. However, generally speaking this suggestion is ridiculed. Men knowing the real inside situation have pointed out the distance is still very far between the terms the Japanese offer and what the Chinese will accept.—United Press.

Japanese Press Advance

Shanghai, Jan. 14. According to a Domei report, Japanese forces moving southward from Tientsin on Wednesday, occupied Taitung, eight miles south of Nanyang, near Nanyang Lake, where they ousted three Chinese divisions from the lakeside area.—United Press.

STOP PRESS

DECIDING FATE OF CABINET

Paris, Jan. 14. The Chamber of Deputies re-met at 11.15 p.m. last night. It was expected the debate would decide the fate of the Government.

Postponement of the re-assembly of the Chamber was due to the Socialists and Communists holding lengthy private sessions in the course of which questions were sent to the Government with regard to the Cabinet's proposed measures. Apparently these parties are still holding out for an exchange of control.

A deputation of the Left groups interviewed M. Camille Chautemps, after which it was stated that the Prime Minister might clarify his references to the disturbance of social order. It is expected that after M. Chautemps has broken again all the Popular Front members of the Chamber will meet and agree to a common resolution, failing which it is understood the Cabinet will meet, indicating the Government is considering resigning.—Reuter.

(Further Stop Press News on Page 12.)

CHINA NOT TO DEFAULT

Kung Declares All Obligations Will Be Met

Hankow, Jan. 13.

In an interview with the Press here to-day, Doctor H. H. Kung, Minister of Finance said that "despite the urgent military exigencies and the Government's financial problems, China has lived up to and intends to live up to her obligations fully and promptly meeting the service of its external and internal obligations."

"The maintenance of China's national credit has been facilitated by the fact that, during recent years, a strong foundation has been laid for China's financial and currency structure, enabling the country to endure a major conflict better than it has done before."

"Moreover, during the first seven months of 1937, all the revenues registered an unprecedented improvement. This was due to the general political stability, and improved administration of the revenues which led to an all-round expansion of trade and industry."

"As a result, despite the hostilities, the total Governmental revenue receipts during 1937 exceeded those of the preceding year."

"Had it not been for Japan's aggression and interference China would have been able to balance her budget during the current fiscal year, the common object towards which she has steadfastly laboured."—United Press.

Gen. Franco Must Fight Desertion

Gibraltar, Jan. 13.

In order to prevent desertion from the Insurgent ranks, a detachment of General Franco's cavalry, composed of 25 mounted men, has been placed on neutral ground between Insurgent and British territory.

The move is the sequel to increasing desertions by troops. Constable guards have also reinforced Tarifa, Algeciras and Linares, where many machine-guns are installed.—Reuter.

MADAME CHIANG DELAYS RETURN

Apprehensive Of Attack By Japan's Airmen

REMAINING HERE SEVERAL DAYS

"Madame Chiang Kai-shek's visit to Hongkong has absolutely no political significance."

"She is visiting this British Colony for two reasons. The chief reason is that she wished to see her sisters, Madame Sun Yat-sen and Madame H.H. Kung. The other reason is that it was imperative that she obtained a period of rest—however short—from the arduous duties she had to undertake in China."

This was part of the statement made to the Hongkong Telegraph this morning in an exclusive interview with an important member of Madame Chiang Kai-shek's entourage.

Madame Chiang Kai-shek, wife and loyal aide to the leader of China's 480,000,000 people, arrived in Hongkong on Wednesday afternoon by the Eurasia Aviation Corporation's plane from Hankow.

Accompanying Madame Chiang Kai-shek on the flight were, in addition to several officials, Mr. W. H. Donald, Australian adviser to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, and Capt. J. M. McHugh, Assistant American Naval Attache at Hankow.

The Telegraph has been informed from impeccable sources that Captain McHugh's inclusion in Madame Chiang Kai-shek's party has no political significance whatever.

Captain McHugh has been suffering from severe eye trouble, and is visiting Hongkong to seek the advice of a specialist.

GENEROUS OFFER

"When she heard that I intended visiting Hongkong to seek advice, Madame Chiang Kai-shek graciously permitted me to accompany her by plane," Capt. McHugh told a Telegraph representative last night.

The member of Madame Chiang Kai-shek's entourage interviewed by the Telegraph this morning revealed that the party would return to Hankow within three or four days.

"Efforts were made to keep the visit to Hongkong secret because of the danger to Madame from Japanese airplanes," he said.

"Our original intention was to return to Hankow by plane on Monday. Naturally we will have to abandon this plan now, and it is hard to say what route Madame will take on the return journey. Her departure from (Continued on Page 4.)

Britain's Ambassador Takes Action

Tokyo, Jan. 14.

The British Ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie, had an hour's talk with the Japanese Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs yesterday. It is understood that the conversations referred to the recent Shanghai incidents in which British police officers were assaulted by Japanese soldiers.

It is reported that discussion on the navigation of the Yangtze between the British Ambassador and the Foreign Office was suspended until further reports have been received from Shanghai.—Reuter Bulletin.

HOW U.S. PRESIDENT MET CRISIS

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Memorandum handed to the Secretary of State at 12:30 P. M., December 13, 1937.

Please tell the Japanese Ambassador when you see him at one o'clock:

1. That the President is deeply shocked and concerned by the news of indiscriminate bombing of American and other non-Chinese vessels on the Yangtze, and that he suggests that the Emperor be so advised.

2. That all the facts are being assembled and will shortly be presented to the Japanese Government.

3. That in the meantime it is hoped the Japanese Government will be considering definitely for presentation to this Government:

a. Full expressions of regret and proffer of full compensation;

b. Methods guaranteeing against a repetition of any similar attack in the future.

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PRESIDENT'S MEMORANDUM—President Roosevelt, through diplomatic channels, put his demand for full satisfaction for the Panay bombing squarely up to Emperor Hirohito of Japan himself. Here is the President's memorandum to the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, in which the President stated he expected full expression of regret and compensation from Japan.

POLITICAL STRIFE OVER PHILIPPINES INDEPENDENCE BILL

Mr. Roosevelt's Programme Praised and Condemned

Washington, Jan. 13.

A member of the Joint Committee studying the question of Philippines Independence told United Press in an interview to-day that the "announcement of the Philippines policy by President Roosevelt before the joint preparatory commission rendered the report vitally timely, because it will discourage a strong and immediate independence movement started by Mr. Thomas O'Malley's Bill."

"Furthermore in connection with the obvious Anglo-American parallel action in Oriental affairs, and the imminent negotiations of an Anglo-American trade agreement, President Roosevelt's Philippines policy means that the international status of the Philippines and the United States position in the Orient will not be altered for a long time."

Preliminary congressional reaction indicated that President Roosevelt's programme would be extensively supported, especially as it was evidence of the United States' firm and stabilising purpose in the Orient.

WILL PRESS FOR ACTION

Representative Thomas O'Malley, in a press interview on the subject, said he would continue to press for action on an immediate Independence Bill, despite President Roosevelt's scheme.

"I have been promised by the committee a hearing of my Bill in February. Meanwhile I am continuing to lobby for support for immediate independence and the immediate termination of all trade relations."

Mr. O'Malley said that a Bill could be offered in substitution if the Administration proposed an amendment along the lines of President Roosevelt's statement. He said he had agreed to a postponement of consideration of his Bill until February only because he was told that through such a delay it would be possible to present full factual data on the subject.—(Continued on Page 4.)

MAN WHO SIGNED 1935 PEACE PACT GOES TO TIENTSIN

But Chinese Press Declares Resistance Must Not Cease

(Special to "Telegraph").

Hankow, Jan. 14.

Chinese official circles state that according to their information the Tokyo Imperial Conference decisions did not include a declaration of war or even withdrawal of recognition of the Central Government.

Meanwhile, General Yoshiji Umezu, Vice-Minister for war, and co-signatory with General Ho Ying-ching of the 1935 peace treaty, is at present in Tientsin on a special mission.

CHINESE MYSTIFY ENEMY

Japanese Puzzled By Withdrawal Steady Retreat Southward

Peking, Jan. 14.

The Japanese military authorities profess to be mystified by the sudden withdrawal of Chinese forces from positions they had held for several weeks south of Taiyuan, particularly at Tingyoo and Lingshih, where there has been no fighting for some time.

The Japanese have launched no offensive, but several thousands of Chinese troops began to withdraw southward.

Japanese military forces also reported that most of the Central Government troops which had been in Shansi for some months had now withdrawn south of the Yellow River in Honan province, leaving south Shansi in the hands of provincial and communist troops.

Mr. Masayuki Tani, lately Japanese Minister to Vienna, who is considered as possible High Commissioner to the Peking Government if the Japanese recognition of the Chiang Kai-shek regime is withdrawn, arrived at Peking yesterday evening.—Reuter.

Arabs Killed And Wounded In Round-Up

But Gang Leader Escapes

Jerusalem, Jan. 13.

One Arab was killed, one seriously wounded and another captured when a British police force surrounded houses near Hebron where an armed gang of Arabs, believed to be that which murdered Mr. J. L. Starkey, the British archaeologist, had its headquarters.

One British police officer was slightly injured during the fight. The head of the gang escaped, but dogs are at present hard on his trail.—Reuter Bulletin.

BRITISH PEER VISITING KING OF ARABIA

London, Jan. 13.

The Duke and Duchess of Athlone are visiting King Abdul Saud of Saudi Arabia on February 4. This is the first time a British peer has visited the ruler of Arabia.—Reuter Bulletin.

Commenting on the Tokyo Conference, the Ta Kung Pao in an editorial yesterday declared:

"We should do our utmost to conduct prolonged resistance regardless of whether the enemy declares or does not declare war."

"We shall never conclude a peace without honour. We shall never accept the enemy's terms, designed to subjugate us."

"Now is the urgent hour for all military and civilian masses to support the Government and continue the war."—United Press.

Statement Postponed

Tokyo, Jan. 14.

The liaison conference between members of the Government and Imperial Headquarters which was scheduled to take place to-day to consider a public statement clarifying Japan's attitude and policies towards China, has now been postponed for reasons unstated.

Nevertheless the delay lends colour to the belief that the Japanese Government is awaiting a further report regarding the attitude of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

A public statement is now being drafted by the Chief Secretary of the Cabinet, together with officials of the War Office, Navy Office and Foreign Office.

After being submitted to the conference, it will then go before the Cabinet for approval and finally to the throne for Imperial sanction.—Reuter.

War Declaration Urged

Tokyo, Jan. 14.

A declaration of war on China immediately, or the withdrawal of recognition by Japan of the Central Government is urged by the Kokumin Domei (National League), a reactionary political party, following a meeting of its parliamentary members.

A statement issued by the organization asked the Government to announce, without further delay, its already decided "fundamental and immutable policies" concerning the China incident. The statement says: "There is no alternative but to withdraw recognition of Chiang Kai-shek and not to deal with the Central Government in building the new fabric of the Far East, in the present circumstances."

The statement deprecated the suggestion of peace should Chiang Kai-shek reconsider his anti-Japanese attitude, and urged the Cabinet to ask the Emperor to declare war on China immediately, or to withdraw recognition from the Central Government.—Reuter.

U.S. Warships Heading For Sydney

Washington, Jan. 13.

The United States Navy Department states that the cruisers Trenton, Milwaukee and Memphis are at present on their way to Sydney to attend the New South Wales' 150th anniversary.

They will later represent the United States at the formal opening of the naval base in Singapore.

The ships are commanded by Rear-Admiral Julius Towns.—Reuter.



LEADING LADY

in silk, satin
muslin—or wool?

THE emotions being involved, fur usually flies over the choice of a wedding dress. This is because: (a) There's more in it than meets the eye. "The veiled victim" is how unkind cynics often describe the all-white bride. (b) Sisters, mothers, cousins and aunts tend to forget that, after all, it's not their wedding. (c) The bride wants her own way, but is often not clear what her own way is.

Thus, in order to put her case clearly to hysterical relatives, she may well assemble the following relevant facts for and against a traditional white wedding.

FOR TRADITION

An essential part of the ritual is that the bride should wear white. If she does not, why be married in church at all?

When a girl gets married, she doesn't want to draw attention to herself by being very unconventional in her choice of wedding dress; after all, the outward form of marriage ceremony is in itself conventional: why not observe it?

And the relatives will be so upset not to see dear Julie in white: why not for one day agree to be a victim to family pride? Does it matter so much either way?

AGAINST

The essentials of the ceremony are not in any way affected by what you wear. You are just as well and truly married in a plain suit as in a cloud of tulle.

That being so, there is no reason at all why white is better than any other colour.

As for the relatives, it's not their wedding, however much they may think so. And the bride who begins by playing juvenile lead instead of leading lady at her own wedding may continue in that minor role all her life.

COMPROMISE

What will happen in the end is that there will be a compromise. Julie, having sworn to be married at 8 o'clock in the morning with no fuss and wearing a suit, will finally consent to have a white frock, though not necessarily one "cut on classic lines."

After all, it is true that an over-romantic wedding dress is perhaps a little "stagey." There could be nothing lovelier than the traditional type of creamy satin bride's frock, like this one, sketched at the left, made by Tintling for Lady Winifred Cecil. It is a dress that accentuates dignity and simplicity: a good lead to follow for any bride.

On the other hand, coloured wedding dresses, or dresses of unusual cut, are being worn. Many of the great houses show misty blue, or dove grey, or silvered rose wedding dresses. And Tintling (who has always been a champion of the bride, and fights many battles against adamant relatives, so that she can have exactly what she wants) is making a gold dress for one beautiful dark girl. And she will carry red roses. But she will be veiled from head to foot in gold net. A lovely idea for an unusual exotic sort of person.

Motley made recently a wedding dress of peach damask, and another of palest butter yellow moire: so colour has really come to stay.

WOOL

If colour is a stumbling block, one can choose to be unconventional in choice of fabric. Motley, being a firm of young theatrical designers who know about clothes in relation to their setting, use a great deal of wool and cotton for wedding dresses.

White face-cloth, for example, falls into beautiful folds, and has the dramatic quality very necessary for a dress which is viewed from a distance.

One of their loveliest dresses was of white face-cloth cut on very flared princess lines, with pinked edges. A hot idea for the cold weather bride! With white director suits the bridesmaids carried bunches of cut felt flowers in autumn colours.

COTTON

The bride who can't afford to spend a frightful lot on her dress will like the modern feeling for cottons.

Our second sketch shows Motley's romantic young bride's dress of white lisse, with cotton bobbles from a white curtain fringe sewn all over it.

And, believe it or not, the bridesmaids' dresses were made of old-fashioned striped curtain muslin, with skirts in full sail, tiny, tiny bodices and sleeves, and high waistline sashed with lime yellow felt. Wide leghorn hats wreathed in pink and yellow felt flowers completed the delicious rustic flavour of this wedding cortege. M. F.

COMBINING
C—whiteness and brightness; fluffy cotton dots on a transparent lisse dress by Motley.



The lovely traditional wedding dress which Lady Winifred Cecil, Lady in Waiting to the Duchess of Gloucester, wore for her marriage to Lord Hotham on December 16. Tintling made it of magnolia white satin, with lines converging to a shirred chow of the same fabric, setting for a huge flower spray of family diamonds.

Joan Beringer's Fifteen Minutes for Beauty

3. MANICURE

THIS is your third-day treatment—first was on Wednesday, second yesterday. Cut this out round the dotted line and paste it on cardboard. Then hang it up somewhere convenient for future reference.

You will need:—

A bowl of soapy water and a towel.—Polish remover.—Cuticle softener and nail cleanser.—Varnish and enamel polish or powder.—Cuticle cream or oil.—Emery board.—Orange stick.—Cottonwool.—Buffer.

Don't Forget

a. That unless your hands are long and thin you cannot wear dark polishes.
b. That if the fingers are short, nails must be filed to almond shape and varnish applied from cuticle to tip, but not quite to sides of nail.
c. If the nails are too large for beauty, merest line uncoloured should be left right round—sides, tips half-moons.

BEGIN your manicure by removing every trace of old polish.

With the rough side of an emery board, file the nails, not too closely, from sides to centre. Work out the rough edges from beneath the nail with an orange stick, and finish off until perfectly smooth with the other side of the emery board.

Dip fingers in bowl of warm, soapy water, and leave for two minutes. Dry well. Wrap cottonwool round orange stick, dip in cuticle remover and press back cuticle. Don't break cuticle or bruise nail. Cleanse beneath the tips with this liquid.

Now for an expert touch which many women omit, but which will make all the difference to the sparkle of your varnish. Apply an enamel polish and buff really well before applying your varnish.

Varnish must go on swiftly, evenly, in direct strokes from cuticle to tip. Never use enough varnish on the brush to do with nails at once. Rest and relax while your finger tips dry. Then a final touch of the enamel polish, rub them up again with a silk handkerchief over the palm of the other hand. The warmth gives a wonderful lustre.

Now, and not before, just touch the cuticles with cuticle oil to keep them supple . . . and you have beauty at your finger tips.

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Are You A Cruel-to-be-Kind Mother?

YOU often hear the phrase used when a child has been punished for something or other, "Sometimes you must be cruel to be kind, you know!" This is perfectly true, and made her do it—what can have as it should be. The great trouble with so many modern parents today is that they alter the process—they are cruel by being kind!

Sacrifice All Along the Line

"I have always seen that she had nice, pretty clothes. I have given up my own amusements, neglected my own friends for her sake. I have always stood between her and trouble; have never let her face the ugly things in life. I have sacrificed

myself gladly and uncomplainingly—she has never been given any idea of the struggle it has been to rear and educate her. And now, she leaves me like this! What can have made her do it—what can have turned her from the dear child she was into the selfish, heartless girl she has become?"

The mother was sincere, but she had no idea that she had actually answered her own question.

She, and none other, had made her daughter "selfish and heartless."

She had never realised the truth of that old adage "An unselfish mother makes a selfish child."

Had I told her (as I was tempted to do) that what had happened was her own fault, and that instead of being the perfect mother she imagined herself to be, she had actually been a cruel parent, she would have been amazed and shocked.

She had deliberately kept "the hard and ugly facts of life" away from the girl. She had made her life easy in every respect and never let her dream that one day a time would come when she would no longer have a mother to fetch and carry for her. She had deliberately set herself in the background as a creature of no importance, and given the child the idea that she and she alone, was the centre of the domestic universe. And now she had reaped her just reward.

But the cruelty lay in the fact that now her daughter had started life on her own, and what a terrible awakening lay before her!

This was the fault of the devoted mother, not the "selfish child."

Parents' Most Common Mistake

Perhaps the most common, and certainly the most dangerous, of all the mistakes made by the short-sighted parent is this business of "protecting" and "sheltering" the child. And this applies more particularly if it happens to be an only child.

The business of bringing up a child entails, or should entail, infinitely more than merely seeing that its health is good and that its physical needs are met. The first and most urgent duty laid upon a parent is to prepare the child for facing life, for making its own way in the world.

The first lesson any child should learn is the lesson of "give-and-take." You will make sacrifices for it, that is quite right, it is your duty to do so.

Most conscientious parents labour under a sort of superstition that it is their duty to give all for their children, and to exact nothing in return, and for this dangerous folly their excuse is that a child "is only young once."

The mistake lies in failing to way is not being kind to them; it is realising that the main business of a being cruel. child is not just to enjoy itself and Some mothers delight in making have a good time (though that is an sacrifice for their children, but they essential in reasonable moderation), should be sure that they are sacri- but to learn to be old. And to re- ficing themselves and not actually tord them in this by pampering and the child. sheltering them in every possible. Christine Ferrier.

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KAYSER

Neighbours Gossip Leads To Gruesome Discovery In Utah MARRIED FORMER HUSBAND'S SLAYER

Divorced From Man Who Was Murdered

St. George, Utah, Jan. 1. Mrs. Charles Bosshard recently learned the truth about her two husbands: her first husband was slain and buried in an abandoned well near her home and for two years she has been married to the man who killed him.

She thought Spencer Malan deserted her nearly three years ago, leaving her on their sheep ranch with a son, 8 years old. Malan often had threatened to go away when he was angry. So it was with bitterness in her heart that she had a court give her a divorce from a man who was dead. Soon after she married Bosshard, who was very kind to her and the boy after Malan disappeared.

ADMIT SLAYING

Her brother, George Schaeffer, knew all the time what happened to Malan. He helped Bosshard carry the body to the well. Both Bosshard and Schaeffer have now admitted the slaying and were recently arraigned on a charge of murder.

It happened on the night of March 17, 1935, after a dance and drinking party that ended at the Malan ranch house. There was a fight, the kind of a fight that might start anywhere when men are drinking. Schaeffer said in his confession. The fact that it happened out on an isolated ranch enabled him to dispose of Malan's body and keep his death a secret for so long.

This was Schaeffer's story: "When we got home after the dance, Penny (Malan), Eva (Mrs. Malan) and I went inside and Bosshard went to get his horse so he could ride out to his sheep camp. Penny went out and pretty soon Bosshard asked me to come out.

"GUESS I KILLED HIM"

"He said Malan had attacked him while he was getting his horse. I guess I've killed him, I don't know," he told me. I said we ought to tell the authorities, but we didn't. We loaded the body in my car and put it in a well."

How had they been able to keep it a secret? Sheriff Antonio D. Prince asked.

"The reason I kept it a secret was that I helped put the body away and that has been troubling me ever since," Schaeffer replied.

He said he had not even told either of his two former wives or his present wife about it, "because the nearest of them lived so far away, and they had heard the talk about Malan threatening to run away, and assumed he had done so."

WIFE CONVINCED

So Bosshard and the brother-in-law convinced Mrs. Malan that her husband had deserted her, and all three of them spread that word among the neighbours. Schaeffer said. The question remained as to who finally did reveal the truth. Sheriff Prince would only say that he had heard "rumours" and that he questioned Bosshard and got a confession.

Schaeffer said he "didn't talk, and would like to know who did." It wasn't Bosshard, he was certain, and nobody else was supposed to know about it.

The only solution seemed to be that the neighbours' gossip had been spread around until it developed into a suspicion, and that the sheriff had nothing more than that to work on.

Bosshard took the sheriff to the well where they had thrown the body, but it had caved in and the body wasn't found.

Bosshard said that he married Mrs. Malan because he felt a sense of responsibility for her and the child. He is 25 and she is several years his senior.—United Press.

2,170 DIED

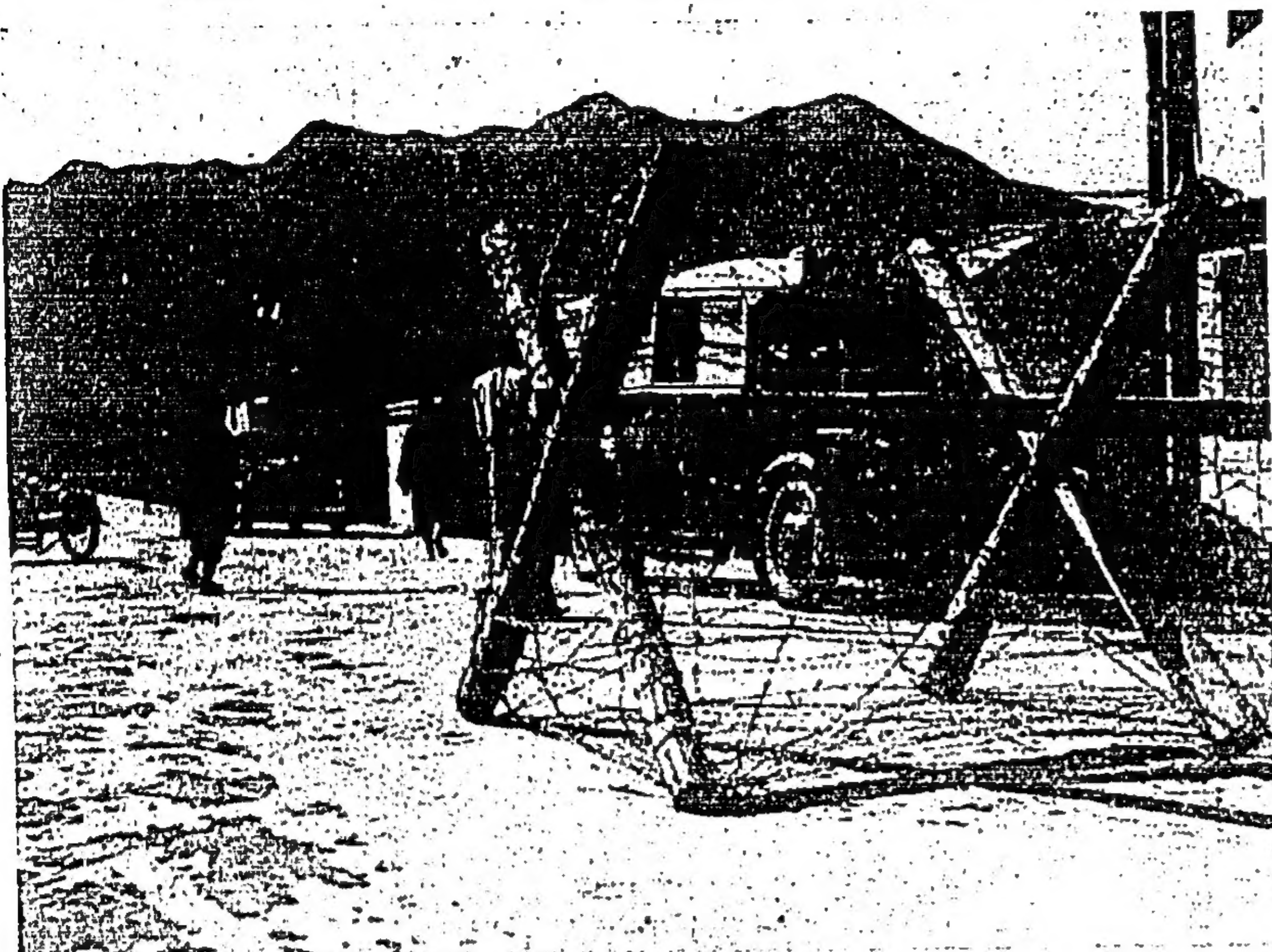
Albany, N. Y.

The Motor Vehicle Bureau announced recently that 2,170 persons were killed in New York State in highway accidents from January 1 to September 30.

An accident occurred every six and a half minutes with a death every three hours, statisticians reported. Accidents numbered 80,181 in which 79,262 persons were injured.

The accident and death total showed an increase of 324 deaths, 4,360 accidents and 6,518 injuries over the same period of 1937.—United Press.

READY FOR BORDER REFUGEES



BARBED-WIRE ENTANGLEMENTS at Shataukok, on the Hongkong-Kwangtung frontier. Barricades have been erected at frontier outposts to deal with the refugee problem should it arise.

KINGSFORD-SMITH LEFT EPIC TALE OF FLIGHTS

Air Adventures Across World

WASHINGTON, JAN. 1.

SIR CHARLES KINGSFORD-SMITH, LOST IN THE BENGAL SEA, LEFT TO POSTERITY AN EPIC STORY OF THE MAGNIFICENT AIR ADVENTURES IN THE PACIFIC, ATLANTIC, AND TASMAN SEA WHICH IN HIS LIFE-TIME BROUGHT UNIVERSAL ACCLAIM.

"My Flying Life" the story of his adventures is described as "an authentic biography prepared under the personal supervision of and from the diaries and papers of the late Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith." It will take immediate rank with Lindbergh's "We," Byrd's "Skyward" and Amelia Earhart's "Last Flight" among the great personal narratives of the heroic period in trans-oceanic air travel.

Kingsford-Smith, after his successful trans-Pacific and trans-Atlantic flights in the "Southern Cross" was often hailed as "the world's greatest airman." In the papers now published he deprecated the phrase, saying that he regarded himself "purely as a long-distance flier." He pointed out that in these days aviation is a highly specialised profession with many branches of activity.

"In each and every field there are men—and women—who excel, and to my mind such a phrase as the 'world's greatest airman' is too comprehensive a term to apply to any one individual," he said.

Despite this modest disclaimer, Kingsford-Smith's unvarnished narrative of his twenty or more long-distance flights left for his readers an impression of tremendous accomplishment, of high courage, and of a generous personal character worthy of any title.

ANTI-CLIMAX

There was some strange undertone in Kingsford-Smith's career, which repeatedly led him to the heights of fame and acclaim, to be followed by anti-climaxes of financial strain, public reaction, and passing misadventure. Even after he was knighted by the King of England, there were intervals when he had to cruise about the country, taking up people for first air-rides in order to meet his financial obligations.

Perhaps for this reason, Kingsford-Smith's narrative is interspersed with gratitude for favours rendered, not the least being the timely financial aid of Captain G. Allen Hancock at the time when the trip of the "Southern Cross" to Hawaii-Fiji-Australia was weighing in the balance.

"He suddenly asked us how much money we needed to solve our dilemma," the story said. "We told him—£3,200."

"There was silence for a moment. Then he spoke: 'I'll buy the machine from you, boys,' he said. 'I'll see my solicitors and decide the best way to do it.'"

"WE WERE OVERJOYED"

"We were overjoyed! The great flight was at once brought closer to us. It was no longer an impossible dream, and all our labours had not been in vain."

To a wondering world Kingsford-Smith's swift and hazardous flights were a matter of headlines, suspense, and drama, but in his own mind there was a more orderly formula which explained his success up to that day when fate struck him down.

"My conception of a record flight is of a programme properly prepared beforehand, which is accomplished by schedule and without incident," he wrote. "The perfection of the long-distance airman's art—and craft—lies in the ability to reel off great distances day after day 'according to

AROUND OUR EMPIRE

INDIA AND THE FAR EAST

Calcutta.

The possible repercussions of the situation in the Far East on India are the subject of a warning to his fellow-countrymen by Mr. S. V. Savarkar, the veteran Nationalist.

Mr. Savarkar appealed to Indians to devote more time to international politics. He saw in the threatened capture of Nanking an ominous sign that might affect the destiny of India.

Japan had cast a shadow over India. If the present pace of the aggressor were continued, he would not be surprised if there were one day a setting up of Japanese power in India.

Viceroy's Tour.—The Marquess of Linlithgow, the Viceroy, and the Marchioness of Linlithgow, left New Delhi to-day for Calcutta, where they will remain until Jan. 5. They are then going to Madras and Hyderabad, returning to New Delhi at the end of January.

SOUTH AFRICA

KENYA RIOT INQUIRY FINDINGS

Cape Town. It is learned from Nairobi, Kenya, that a magistrate's inquiry has found that native guards were justified in firing during the rioting at the camp of Italian Eritrean deserters at Isolo on Nov. 13. The rioting broke out at a football match between the Eritreans and their guards. Nine natives were killed.

The magistrate stated that by the action of the guards heavier loss of life and damage to property was avoided. It is pointed out, however, that as the camp commandant was absent, and the officer in charge, an African sergeant-major, did not arrive till after the firing began, there was no proper person in control of the guards.

The magistrate says that the deserters "saw red," and he comments that the fact that the men were penned in camp for a long period without an adequate outlet for their energies was likely to cause such disturbances.

It was revealed at the inquiry that rounds were fired from a Lewis gun. The magistrate finds no individual guilty of any offence.

Public School Defended.—Defending Public Schools against criticism in recent years, the Rev. S. H. Clarke, headmaster of St. John's College, Johannesburg, said yesterday: "When all criticisms have been made, it still remains true that the English Public Schools have succeeded in producing men with unswerving loyalty to ideals and dogged persistence on the execution of their duty."

Royal Titles May Disappear

THERE MAY BE A "MR. WINDSOR"

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Certain junior members of the Royal Family within a generation or two will have no titles, but, under the present rules relating to royal titles, will be called Mr. or Miss Windsor.

This fact has emerged from a study of King George V's ruling in 1917 on Royal titles, which confined the title "Royal Highness" thenceforth to children and grandchildren of the Sovereign.

The Duke of Kent's son, Prince Edward, will succeed eventually to his father's Dukedom and his son in turn will bear the ordinary designations of the sons of a Duke.

But if the Duke of Kent has a second son who in turn has children, these great-grandchildren of King George V. will be Mr. or Miss Windsor.

CHANGES IN PRECEDENCE

More changes in the order of precedence took place in the last two years than ever before in so short a time. In the 17 months from January, 1936, to May, 1937, there were two accessions, an abdication and a Coronation, the latter accompanied by the bestowal of a large number of honours.

All these changes are summoned up in the 1938 (Coronation Honours) Edition of Burke's Peerage, Baronage and Knightage. This is the first completely revised edition to be published since the death of King George V., and the table of relative rank, and precedence has had to be drastically changed.

Among the alterations affecting precedence in the Royal family "Burke" points out that, while the Duke of Windsor now takes precedence as a member of the Royal family, the Duchess of Windsor ranks as the last of 29th Duchess in order of creation.

FIRST AND LAST HOLDERS

In 1937 seven peerages became extinct. Six—those of Viscount Snowden, Lord Kylsant, Lord Ernle, Lord Glenravel, Lord Islington and Lord Rutherford—were new creations, and so these peers were the first and last holders of their titles. The seventh was the peerage of Lord Castletown, the second baron.

Among the historical curiosities in "Burke" is that, of the three ways in which a peerage can be held—by tenure, writ or letters patent—only one still survives by right of tenure. This is the Earldom of Arundel, held by the Duke of Norfolk as owner of Arundel Castle.

By Act of Parliament passed in the reign of Charles I., this title belongs by right to the owner of Arundel. If the historic castle were ever sold, its buyer would automatically become an earl of high precedence in the official roll of peers.

DARING SURGERY IN MINE MAKES DOCTOR A HERO

Bulawayo, Rhodesia, Jan. 1. An operation performed at great peril in the depths of a Rhodesian mine has won Dr. Robert Saunders the Edward Medal for gallantry.

When Howard Sheasby, 22, was trapped by the wrist by the fall of rock in the depths of the Homestead mine, near Selukwe, Southern Rhodesia, early this year, Dr. Saunders descended with a party which went to the rescue.

Throughout the night the rescue squads removed stone in an effort to free the wrist. Dr. Saunders remained beside Sheasby to sustain him. At last, it was decided that it was too dangerous to remove further rubble.

Then Dr. Saunders decided to amputate. Using a local anesthetic, he performed an operation to free Sheasby's arm. The operation was carried out against time and with over-present danger. It was successful and Sheasby, who was conscious throughout the ordeal, was saved.

JILTED MAN SILENT FOR 50 YEARS

New York. "Silent Bill" Perry, aged 76 years, of Audubon (Iowa), observed to-day, without a word the 50th anniversary of the day his fiancée jilted him for another man.

When Perry was left at the altar in 1837 he vowed that he would never utter a word until the girl returned to him. He still hopes for a reconciliation.

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MADAME CHIANG
DELAYS RETURN

(Continued from Page 1.)

Hongkong will have to be kept as secret as possible.

Immediately after her arrival in Hongkong on Wednesday Madame Chiang Kai-shek visited her sister, Madame H. H. Kung, and for a time resided at her sister's residence in Sassoon Road, Pokfulam. Persistent callers yesterday, however, made it imperative that Madame Chiang Kai-shek find a new address, and she is now residing on the mid-levels. Madame Kung has been in ill-health for some time and, out of consideration for her sister, Madame Chiang Kai-shek decided to change her residence.

DENIES RUMOURS

Rumours that Madame Chiang Kai-shek was visiting Hongkong in order to join her sisters in persuading Mr. T. V. Soong to consent to accept once again the finance ministry were emphatically denied by the spokesmen interviewed by the Telegraph.

"There is absolutely no foundation for the rumour," the spokesmen declared. "Madame Chiang Kai-shek is not discussing political affairs with either her sister or Mr. Soong during her holiday in Hongkong."

"A rumour that has apparently gained credence in Hongkong because Madame has come to Hongkong because peace terms will shortly be announced is even more ridiculous."

"China has no intention of accepting any peace terms that involve a sacrifice of her territory, and her overtures were flatly rejected by the Government. The last man will continue fighting to the last man if necessary, until the last drop of blood is shed, or until a peace honourable to this nation is obtained."

"Far from negotiating a peace, the Generalissimo has departed for the Lushan front to personally conduct the operations against the Japanese."

POLITICAL STRIFE
OVER PHILIPPINES
INDEPENDENCE BILL

(Continued from Page 1.)

ject. However, he insisted that if any attempt were made immediately to consider President Roosevelt's programme he would press his Bill as a substitute.

NYE WANTS "OUT"

Interviewed, Senator Gerald P. Nye said: "I could not differ with the programme in the nature in which it is set forth at the present. However, immediately upon establishment of independence there must be a gradual reduction of the independence year by year. Any test on the issue of early independence will find me supporting getting out of the East as soon as we can."

Senator Borah said he had not definitely decided but "I rather suspect I would support such a programme."

The Navy League President, Mr. Hubbard, said he would oppose the releasing of political control of the Philippines simultaneous with the permitting of economic concessions and preferential trade relations.—United Press.

OUR GUIDE
TO THE
CINEMAS

"Knight Without Armour" (King's Theatre, to-day).—At long last, this British picture has arrived in the Colony. Alexander Korda obtained the services of Marlene Dietrich for specially this film in which she appears opposite Robert Donat. The result justifies the expense, for it is one of the best pictures turned out by a British studio.

"Fight For Your Lady" (Queen's Theatre, to-day).—Though the title may suggest it, this film is not one of continuous fighting, but contains many comic scenes which do credit to comedians like Jack Oakie and Eric Rhodes. John Boles, Ida Lupino and Margot Graham are others in the cast.

"There Goes the Groom" (Alhambra Theatre, to-day).—A completely satisfying film of tangled loves with Anna Sothern, Burgess Meredith and Mary Boland taking the leading roles.

"Topper" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—Film fans are advised not to be misled by the title of this picture. It is one of the best pictures shown here in recent weeks and should not be missed. Constance Bennett, Cary Grant and Roland Young take chief acting honours.

"Lawyer Man" (Majestic Theatre, to-day).—Perhaps not quite up to the standard of the usual Bill Powell film, but a good one nevertheless. Joan Blondell is in support.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

The Sergeants' Mess, Royal Air Force Station, Kai Tak, will not accept responsibility for the accounts of any firms not authorised by the Commanding Officer.

GLOOMY OUTLOOK
IN FRANCE

(Continued from Page 1.)

after the closing of the money markets. Pertinax, discussing the possible international effects of the French social and financial crisis in Le Matin, said the friends of France who were urging the "maintenance of democracy, and might lead to British self-isolation. Furthermore they might drive the United States further away from international co-operation.—United Press.

BALANCED BUDGET
INDISPENSIBLE

Paris, Jan. 13. After the Cabinet meeting, M. Georges Bonnet, Finance Minister declared that the Government was unanimously rejecting exchange control, and regarded a balanced budget as being more than ever indispensable.

It is expected that M. Chautemps will announce to the Chamber that taxation yields are satisfactory and will urge the country to support the Cabinet's efforts to maintain social peace and proceed to financial recovery.

Denial that there was any real cause for panic in the financial situation was made by M. Camille Chautemps in a fighting speech to the Chamber. He said that financial situation in December was satisfactory, and barring accidents, was the one way to creating confidence and the Treasury was able to meet all obligations in the present quarter. But there had been social agitation and systematic agitation for a General Strike which had aggravated the country's nerves. Fortunately those troubles were now appeased, and he categorically deny that in dealing with the strike, he was double-faced.

He said that he did not consider Labour has no conflicts with humane sentiments, but I do not countenance revolt in the public services against the nation."

WORKERS' DUTY

M. Chautemps said that a social legislation code will be voted by Parliament. In exchange for security labour strikers must recognise what Parliament has done for them by renouncing all forms of illegality. To the accompaniment of applause from the Centre and Right, and from various members of the Left, M. Chautemps added: "I declare with untroubled firmness that if certain people disturb the public peace, the force of the law will descend upon them."

Atmosphere in the Lobbies at the conclusion of M. Chautemps' speech was very critical and it was strongly held that the Chautemps Government would not survive the night.

M. Leon Blum, the President of the Republic was seen coming from the Chamber with a white and set face.—Reuter.

PREMIER'S CHALLENGE

Paris, Jan. 14. In the course of his vigorous speech to the Chamber, M. Camille Chautemps said in the face of criminal acts of this gravity, there had not been absolute unanimity in approving the action of the Minister of the Interior and in condemning the criminals. This was the result of an uneasiness and a moral sickness with the country. He declared that the Government was resolved to obtain social peace and to balance the budget and it condemned any control of exchange.

He concluded by asking the various parliamentary groups to meet to decide their attitude towards his declaration, particularly respecting monetary freedom.

The Chamber then adjourned at 9.30 p.m. It was generally held in the lobbies that the speech did not strengthen the Government's position and antagonised the socialists and communists. The Radical-Socialist group has already met and passed a motion which will later be presented to the Chamber, approving of Mr. Chautemps' speech and expressing confidence in him.—Reuter.

STOCK MARKET
REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary, issued at 3.15 p.m. yesterday, says:

There was a fair turnover in Old China Lights and Trams at quotations, otherwise the market remains dull.

Buyers
Hongkong Bank (Lon.) 250
Douglas 224
Yammat 224
H.K. & S. Wharves 214
H.K. & S. Dock 274
Providence (Old) 222
Providence (New) 220
Humphreys 260
Star 280
Star (Tram) 254
H.K. Electric 224
Macao Electric 210
Cement 210
H.K. Paper 224
Valence 220
Construction 214
H.K. Govt. 34 1/2 Loan 14 1/2 p.m.
Wallace Harpers 214
Peak Trams (New) 224
Sandsan 214
Canton 214
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MAINTAINS JAPAN
HAS NO FEAR OF
ANY WORLD POWER

Hankow, Jan. 14.

Miss Agnes Smedley, an American who has been actively associated with the Chinese Communists for some time, spoke at yesterday's military press conference here and she gave a full account of the operations of the Eighth Route Army in north Shansi since the former R d's crossed the Yellow River on September 1.

Miss Smedley exhibited all kinds of documents, including confidential communications between the Japanese garrison headquarters at Tientsin and the Japanese General staff at Tokyo. One report from the Japanese garrison at Tientsin mentioned the dramatic activities "of one of our foreign spies" last July.

Another report from the Tientsin garrison headquarters commented on Japan's international environment, saying that Britain and the Soviet were not strong enough to challenge Japan, while "there is nothing to worry about with the United States, who, though she pays the closest attention to the Far Eastern situation, never wishes to plunge into actual trouble with us."

Regarding foodstuffs and military supplies for the Eighth Route Army, Miss Smedley said that in the poor region of north Shansi it was difficult to secure enough food. "We had been depending chiefly on Japanese food, and once we captured 120 trucks of Japanese foodstuffs and enjoyed ourselves eating Japanese delicacies."

"EDUCATE" PRISONERS

She said the Eighth Route Army soldiers treat Japanese captives well, and often "educate" them first before sending them back. Many Japanese prisoners had said they were against war and one Japanese radio operator

United Press.

Britain To
Speed Planes'
ProductionSignificant Changes
In Control Body

London, Jan. 13.

Further acceleration of aircraft production in England is foreshadowed in an important change of control of the Society of British Aircraft Constructors, involving the appointment of a Chairman from outside the industry.

Sir Charles Bruce Gardner has been appointed as first Executive Chairman of the Society and Mr. Handley Page, now Chairman, will occupy the newly created position of President.

The official statement recalls that the Society was organised in 1916 to deal with war-time production problems and has since acted as executive and consultative body in such matters of principle as are of general concern to the aircraft industry.

The requirements of the Royal Air Force programme and increased demands upon the elected Chairman in his dual capacity as manufacturer and head of the Society has led the Council to make the above appointment.

Sir Bruce Gardner will particularly be concerned with interpreting to the Air Ministry the views and wishes of the one to the other and in ensuring the well-being of the industry in its development.—Reuter Special.

POPE'S LAMENT
FOR GERMAN
CHURCH

Rome, Jan. 13.

In a speech to 60 bishops and 2,000 priests, His Holiness the Pope lamented the delicate Reich church situation. However his assertion that the difficulties were not hopeless led to the interpretation that this was an indirect invitation to Signor Benito Mussolini to continue mediation.—United Press.

SHANGHAI EMERGENCY
PROCLAMATION WARNS
TERRORISTS IN CITY

Following several attacks on Japanese soldiers on the outskirts of the International Settlement, and the suggestion that terrorists were sheltering in the International area, the Municipal Council took drastic steps to curb the operations of these people who were endangering the foreign community. The following "emergency proclamation" was issued:

WHEREAS a period of grave emergency continues to exist;
WHEREAS, also, armed outrages continue to occur on a grave scale in the International Settlement;

WHEREAS, accordingly, it appears necessary to the Shanghai Municipal Council to accord to the Municipal Police certain emergency powers;

IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED:—
1. That any person committing an offence against armed forces in the International Settlement will be liable to be handed over to the armed forces concerned;

2. That any person committing armed crime in the International Settlement will be refused the sanc-

tuary of the Settlement and will be liable to expulsion therefrom;
3. That the Municipal Police are authorized to search all premises, public or private, for unauthorized arms;

4. That a reward not exceeding \$5,000 will be paid to any person giving information that leads to the apprehension of terrorists;

5. That a substantial reward will be paid to any person giving information that leads to the seizure of unauthorized arms.

By Order,
G. Godfrey Phillips,
Secretary,
Council Chamber,
Shanghai, January 1, 1938.

FLAGSHIP
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MARCH 9Only Cruise Ship
ScheduledColony Loses
Tourist Trade

The Sino-Japanese conflict is affecting all commercial traffic in the Far East, including the tourist trade. Inquiries conducted by the Telegraph reveal that of the four big round-the-world cruise liners which were scheduled to come to the Far East this year with hundreds of travellers aboard, three have been diverted to other parts of the world, mainly Australia, because of China's unsettled condition.

Germany's Bremen, the third largest ship in the world, which was to come to Hongkong and the Far East for the first time, had her trip cancelled about four months ago. The voyages of the Franconia, Cunard White Star liner and the Reliance for which Jensen & Co. are agents, have been altered to miss the East. The only world-tourer keeping her schedule to the East will be the Empress of Britain, the 42,500-ton flagship of the Canadian Pacific Steamship Company's fleet of 70 ships. She is expected here from Bangkok on March 9, but instead of calling on Shanghai and Japan as she has done in previous years, she will sail direct for Manila after a five days stay in the harbour.

It will be remembered that the Empress of Britain came to the Colony on March 21 last with a passenger list of well over 450, among those aboard being several American millionaires and a princess from Europe.

Five hundred persons who had booked in America to visit the Far East last month altered their itineraries and booked for Australia, it is revealed. Several hundreds who had booked by Empress liners from Vancouver in November changed over to the steamer Aorangi for New Zealand. It is estimated that 3,000 tourists who would have left Vancouver in Empress liners for the East will end their cruise at Honolulu instead of continuing on to Japan, Shanghai and Hongkong.

German War
Minister's Bride
Unidentified

Berlin, Jan. 13.

Count von Blomberg, German War Minister, was married today to Fraulein Grubb, with Herr Adolf Hitler and General Hermann Goering as witnesses.

It was a private ceremony and the bride remains unidentified, officials being silent concerning her.—United Press.

PANAY WON'T
BE SALVAGEDTOO BADLY DAMAGED
TO TEMPT WORK

Shanghai, Jan. 14.

Salvage operations on the U.S.S. Panay which was sunk in the Yangtze on December 12, have been abandoned and the U.S.S. Oahu and the tug Saucy, which were engaged in the work, have left for Holsen. The Oahu is proceeding to Shanghai and the Saucy is returning to Shanghai.

Divers recovered part of some movable material, including the paymaster's list, officers' papers and a small part of the crew's personal property.

The Panay is lying in sand and mud which reached almost to the superstructure of the deckhouse. The bridge, structure, engine-room and mainmast were destroyed or badly holed, and salvage workers found a maindeck hole about 14 inches in diameter, as well as a seven feet diameter hole in the bottom of the vessel on the lee side. The bottom plating was also cracked and it was therefore considered uneconomical to attempt to salvage the vessel.—Reuter.

AMBASSADOR TO
FLY TO CAPITAL

Hankow, Jan. 14.

The new Soviet Ambassador, M. Luganels Orelsky, is going to Chungking by air on January 15 to present his credentials on January 18. He is returning here the following day.

Mr. Wang Chung-hui is not accompanying the Ambassador, but Mr. Li Ti-tsun, director of publicity and Mr. Tann Mou-lan, secretary to the Foreign Office, is accompanying the Ambassador.

The report of the recall of the Chinese Ambassador to Berlin, Mr. Chen Tien-feng, and also the return of Dr. Wellington Koo for an important post in the Chinese Government was declared to be without foundation by officials.—Reuter.

POST OFFICE.

AIR MAIL TIMES

Ordinary air mail letters for Imperial Airways Direct Service to Europe etc., will, until further notice, be closed at Kowloon Post Office and General Post Office 9.00 a.m. on Sundays. Letters for this Service may be posted in the ordinary posting boxes at Kowloon Post Office and General Post Office. They should be clearly marked "By Air Mail" and bear sufficient postage. Insufficiently prepaid letters may be taxed with double the deficiency or forwarded by Steam Service, at the discretion of the Post Office.

SHANGHAI AIR SERVICE

Air Mail Service to Shanghai is temporarily suspended.

VIA SIBERIA ROUTE

Letters and Postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Straits and Europe via Negapatam (Letters and Papers) London date, 16th December, 1937	Hakozaki Maru	January 14.
Bangkok and Swatow	Kidderpor	January 15.
Manila	Meckerker	January 14.
Shanghai	Tjssondri	January 14.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways direct Service"—San Francisco date, 5th January.	Conte Biancamano	January 15.
Japan	Pan-American Airways Plane	January 15.
Japan	Sulsang	January 15.
Japan	Anshun	January 10.
Straits	Hosang	January 17.
Calcutta and Straits	Imperial Airways Plane	January 17.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 8th January.	Rhexenor	January 17.
Manila	Ajax	January 18.
Straits, Manila and London Parrels, London date, 9th December, 1937	Canton	January 18.
Haiphong	Kingyuan	January 18.
Shanghai and Straits	Tilawa	January 18.
Shanghai	Glenbeg	January 19.
Straits	Teucer	January 19.
Straits and Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers) London, 23rd December and London Parrels—London date, 16th December, 1937	Carthage	January 20.
Rabaul	Friderun	January 20.
Australia and Manila	Kamo Maru	January 20.
Straits	Somali	January 20.
Japan	Antiochus	January 21.
Japan and Shanghai	Corfu	January 21.
Saigon	Felix Roussel	January 21.
Japan	Kitano Maru	January 21.
Japan and Shanghai	Nako Maru	January 23.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco, date, 29th December, 1937).	Pres. Garfield	January 24.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time
Manila and Parrels only for Ger- Assuan	Friday	Fri., Jan. 14, 1.30 p.m.
many via Hamburg	Kaying	Fri., Jan. 14, 2 p.m.
Hohow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Tjssondri	Fri., Jan. 14, 3.30 p.m.
Batavia and Sourabaya	Sirghana	Fri., Jan. 14.
Straits and Calcutta	Parrels	Jan. 14, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for Chungking by the C.N.A.C. Plane	Ord.	Jan. 15, 9 a.m.
"C.N.A.C. Airways Direct Service"	Kowloon P.O.	Jan. 14, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Jan. 14, 5 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Jan. 14, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Jan. 15, 6 a.m.
	Ord.	Jan. 15, 6 a.m.
Kongmoon and (Pakhoi via Kong-Fook On moon)	Saturday	Sat., Jan. 15, 9 a.m.
Japan and "Europe via Siberia"	Hakozaki Maru	Sat., Jan. 15, 11.30 p.m.
Amoy	Van Houtz	Sat., Jan. 15, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, G. Hono- lulu and U.S.A. by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service" (Due San Francisco, 23rd January, 1938).	Pan-American Airways Plane	Sat., Jan. 15.
	Kowloon P.O.	Jan. 15, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Jan. 15, 5 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Jan. 15, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Jan. 15, 6 a.m.
	Ord.	Jan. 15, 6 a.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London, 24th January	Imperial Airways Plane	Sat., Jan. 15.
(Due London, 24th January)	Reg.	Jan. 15, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Jan. 15, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for "Australia by Imperial Airways Service" (Due Darwin 23rd January)	Imperial Airways Plane	Sat., Jan. 15.
	Reg.	Jan. 15, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Jan. 15, 5 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Jan. 15, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Jan. 15, 6 a.m.
Swatow and Shanghai	Sunday	Sun., Jan. 16, 8.30 a.m.
Hohow	Mulnor	Sun., Jan. 16, 8.30 a.m.
Foochow and Tientsin via Swatow	Hohow	Sun., Jan. 16, 9 a.m.
Straits and "Calcutta"	Sulsang	Mon., Jan. 17.
	Parrels	Jan. 17, 11 a.m.
	Ord.	Jan. 17, 11 a.m.
Air Mail for "Franco Orient Airways Service"—due Marseilles 30th January.	Kidderpor	Mon., Jan. 17.
	G.P.O.	Jan. 17, 2.30 p.m.
	Reg.	Jan. 17, 3 p.m.
	Ord.	Jan. 17, 3 p.m.
Saigon	Kidderpor	Mon., Jan. 17.
Air Mail for "C.N.A.C. Airways Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 25th Jan.	Conte Biancamano	Mon., Jan. 17.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Jan. 17.
	Reg.	Jan. 17, 2.30 p.m.
	Ord.	Jan. 17, 4 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Egypt and "Europe via Naples—due Naples, 7th February.	Conte Biancamano	Mon., Jan. 17.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Jan. 17.
	Reg.	Jan. 17, 3.45 p.m.
	Ord.	Jan. 17, 4.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Chungking by the C.N.A.C. Plane	Ord.	Mon., Jan. 17.
"C.N.A.C." Airways Direct Service	Kowloon P.O.	Jan. 17, 5 p.m.
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CHINA FIGHTS TWO ENEMIES AT ONCE; DISEASE RAMPANT

The League of Nations Health Commission, formed to study the combating of diseases among the Chinese people arising from the present war, has been holding meetings in Hongkong during the past few days to discuss plans for its work.

One party left for Canton yesterday, en route to the war areas, while another will leave on Saturday for Changsha and Hankow.

Remarking on the grave danger of epidemics because of the hostilities, Dr. Liu, of the Ministry of Health, and a member of the Commission, in an address of welcome to his colleagues, said:

China is now in the midst of a terrible catastrophe. Foreign invasion is the cause of it and while it continues the suffering of the Chinese people will from day to day increase. Thousands of people are being killed and wounded, millions are rendered homeless and destitute, and millions more are sick and not receiving medical care. These are inevitable consequences of a war which we are fighting in self-defence.

The migration of population during the past few months has been unprecedented in the history of the Chinese people. Modern warfare in its ghastliest form and the modern means of transportation are both responsible for the present state of affairs. Everywhere in the country, in villages as well as in cities, utilizing every means of communication, including railways, waterways, highways and aeroplanes, people are going and coming in inconceivable numbers. Soldiers are being moved about in millions from one part of the country to the other. There is crowding everywhere and being obliged by circumstances to ignore even the first principles of hygiene and sanitation, all kinds of sickness are spreading rapidly and widely.

The medical services in different parts of the country are already disorganized in the attempt to strengthen the army medical service. Many hospitals, including foreign missionary institutions, have been bombed, or for other reasons had to be evacuated. Private practitioners and nurses are running about the country and many are themselves fleeing refugees.

SERVICE DISORGANIZED

All of this will result in a series of epidemics for the control of which the most modern methods of preventive medicine and hygiene will be severely tested. I can visualize people, civilians as well as soldiers, dying in millions of influenza, smallpox, typhus, relapsing fever, diphtheria, scarlet fever, typhoid, dysentery, cholera, measles, malaria, tuberculosis, and every other known infectious disease. Diseases resulting from malnutrition, such as rickets, scurvy, beri-beri, pellagra and others resulting from malnutrition or vitamin deficiency will add to the number of dying persons.

The Chinese Government has, during the past nine years, built up a National Health Service along modern lines, which in turn has set up a series of local health services. It is to be regretted that many of these services and the National Service itself have recently been cut down, both in staff and in appropriations. This is inevitable in view of the necessity to economize to the utmost in all of the Government services, but as a public health man I personally feel that this is going to be very unwise and expensive economy.

The League of Nations has helped China ever since the early days of the Nationalist Government in health matters. The Chinese Government can never thank the League enough for the technical assistance and advice which has been given continuously during the past eight years. In this connection I must mention my friend Dr. Ludwig Rajchman, whom you all know as the Director of the Health Section of the League, because he has worked indefatigably for the cause of public health work in China.

INSURGENT ARMIES ATTACK

Surround Teruel
By Surprise

Huge Explosion In Madrid

Hendaye, Jan. 12. The insurgent headquarters at Hendaye announced that in surprise operations their troops virtually encircled Teruel. The Loyalists are on the verge of exhaustion and lost 30,000 men, 100 tanks and 30 aeroplanes during the past month. The Loyalists, however, claim that they are gaining ground in the hills outside Teruel.—United Press.

MADRID EXPLOSION

London, Jan. 12. It is reliably reported that the explosion in Madrid on Monday when 100 are reported to have been killed was due to detonation of ammunition stored in a subway station.—United Press.

OVER 700 DEAD

London, Jan. 13. It is understood from trustworthy sources that Monday's explosion in Madrid was one of the greatest tragedies of the civil war. It is estimated that 700 were killed in an area nearly 1,000 yards long and 200 yards wide. Two trains entering the station at the time of the blast were wrecked.—United Press.

SPANISH REFUGEES

Although some 500 Basque refugee children have now returned to Spain, between two and three thousand remain under the care of the Basque Children's Relief Committee, which has just made another appeal to the public for funds to enable it to maintain the refugee children, many of whom have lost one or both parents in the Spanish civil war, until satisfactory conditions for their repatriation are available.—British Wireless.

PANAY WON'T BE SALVAGED

Shanghai, Jan. 13. The U.S.S. Oahu and the tug Saucy have completed examination of the Panay. The Oahu will leave for Nanking and the Saucy is going to Shanghai and is expected on January 15.

Divers report that the Panay is lying on her side embedded in sand and mud almost up to her superstructure. There are several feet of sand in the compartments. The bridge structure, engine room structure and most are destroyed or badly damaged. There is a 14-inch hole in the main deck and a seven foot hole in the bottom.

The side and bottom plating are cracked. It is considered uneconomical to salvage her, and no further attempts will be made. Recovered part of the Panay's cargo, including the paymaster's safe, official papers and some personal belongings of officers and crew.

The Saucy is towing the Standard Oil motor barge Melying, carrying the divers down river.—United Press.

Under war conditions, you must not expect anything beyond the most primitive necessities. Fortunately all of you have had experience working under unfavourable conditions, but I just wish to remind you to expect the worst that you have ever experienced in living and travelling accommodations.

I feel it a great honour to have a place on the Commission, but if I should be obliged to absent myself, my place will be taken by Professor Robert Lim, who has been appointed to be my deputy.

In concluding these remarks, I wish the Commission and the anti-epidemic units great success in the important humanitarian and scientific task before them.

Heavy Sale Of Francs

Rush Market At Opening

London, Jan. 13. Excited dealings in French francs marked the opening of the foreign exchange market to-day, banks and brokers reporting a concerted rush by French nationals to acquire foreign currencies, especially sterling, with the result that French and British exchange funds had to take up a very large volume of francs.

The market is agog with rumours concerning the outcome of this morning's Cabinet meeting in Paris which many quarters believe will probably result in the resignation of the Finance Minister, M. Bonnet, and possibly the Premier, M. Chautemps.

Despite official intervention the flight from the franc drove down the spot rate of 148.25, compared with 147.50, and even so the fall does not fully reflect the very heavy offerings. Discounts on francs for forward delivery further widened to 6 1/4 for a month and 10 1/4 for three months, which represent interest rates of 5 1/2 per cent and 27 1/2 per cent per annum respectively, compared with 4 1/2 per cent and 25 per cent yesterday.—Reuter.

MARTIAL LAW DECLARED

TENSE ATMOSPHERE IN TIENTSIN

Tientsin, Jan. 13. Martial law was declared in the Japanese Concession at midnight when all communications were suspended and patrol guards were doubled. Extra precautions were taken at the Japanese military headquarters and the naval pier.

Japanese policemen conducted a search of many houses, and units armed with quick firing guns patrolled the streets.

The reason was that a high Japanese officer was murdered yesterday in the Japanese Concession. The name of the officer and the circumstances of his death have been withheld.—International.

TERAUCHI WOUNDED

Hankow, Jan. 13. According to a Chinese report, Gen. Count Haseichi Terauchi, commander of Japanese troops in North China, was wounded by shrapnel in the leg while inspecting the front at Yenchow and has returned to Tientsin for treatment.

The injury is reported to be slight.—International.

BURNS' DINNER

The Burns' Night Dinner will be held at the Rose Room, Peninsula Hotel, on Tuesday, January 25, at 7.45 p.m. for 8.15 p.m. Invitations have been issued by the Chairman and Committee of St. Andrew's Society.

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Landing Not Permanent

Small Force In Pearl River

Canton, Dec. 13. Dragon Cave Mountain, an island in the delta of the Pearl River just off the Hongkong-Canton shipping route, near Chek Wan, was occupied last night by Japanese bluejackets from a destroyer. Provisions and fresh water were requisitioned. It is expected they will evacuate today, as the number is not large enough to make a permanent station. Dragon Cave Island is inhabited by fishermen and is not defended. The main Japanese naval station in South China is Kimo, off Amoy. Several Japanese warships hovering in south Kwangtung waters have now gone to Kimo, and the situation in Fukien is said to be tense.

An Amoy report states that Japanese bluejackets have landed at Pinghu, north of that port. Japanese warships on January 10 opened fire on Pootien, Wu Tung and Ou Tou to test the strength of the coastal defence.

The Fukien Government has ordered women and children to evacuate the coastal area, but able-bodied men are required to remain to join the defence when necessary. Foreign residents in Amoy and Foochow are remaining.

The 157th Division of the Kwangtung army, under Lieut.-Gen. Huang Tao, is still garrisoning Amoy and Changchow. This shows that conditions in Kwangtung are not alarming, although Japanese reports hint that the province will be invaded in two or three weeks. However, the 157th Division will not be recalled here, as the provincial strength is sufficient to cope with invasion.

General Chan Chai-tong, former military head in Canton, who is now member of the National Government, is here to offer his services.—Special.

NO HONGKONG THREAT

Tokyo, Jan. 13. Sir Robert Craigie, British Ambassador, visited the Foreign Minister, Mr. Hirota, to-day. The reason was not been disclosed, but it is possibly for further discussions on the Ladybird Incident.

There is a surmise that Mr. Hirota gave an assurance that Hongkong would not be molested or threatened in any South China military actions.—United Press.

HOIHOW ATTACKED

Japanese Drop Bombs And Machine-Gun Streets

Hoihow, Jan. 13. The city was electrified yesterday morning by the sudden appearance of two Japanese warships outside the harbour and, while anxious watchers peered through the morning mists, five seaplanes took off and zoomed across the waterfront buildings, sending terrified civilians scurrying in all directions.

The planes flew inland, but returned time and again, dropping altogether 15 bombs at Hoihow and Kungchow, which is just across the Kiamong river. The second officer and a crewman escape, the building next door being demolished. More than 20 buildings suffered the same fate.

The raiders also machine-gunned the streets, but most of the inhabitants by this time were under cover and therefore the casualties were only six dead and eight wounded, all civilians.—Reuter.

WARSHIPS OFF PAKHOI

Pakhai, Jan. 3. After an absence of several weeks Japanese war vessels have suddenly made their appearance again near Pakhoi. At the present moment there is one anchored just outside the harbour, to the great uneasiness of the local fishing folk and native shipping circles. According to some

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TWO SLAIN BY PIRATES BUT GANG FINALLY CAUGHT BY TROOPS

Amoy, Jan. 11. The small steamer, Ho Cheong, which plies daily between Amoy and Tung An, was seized by pirates yesterday. An officer belonging to the 157th Division, and a Kimol volunteer, were shot, and both died a few hours after the affray. A number of passengers travelling on the vessel were also wounded, but none seriously. Twenty thousand dollars is reported to have been seized.

Seven of the pirates are said to have been arrested, and the leader is reported to have been shot when troops from Tung An, sent to scour the country for the robbers, encountered the pirates making their way into the interior.—Our Own Correspondent.

AMOY GARRISON

Amoy, Jan. 11. The 75th Division from Chekiang are pushing rapidly on toward Fukien. The van of the army is said to have already arrived at Chang Chow, and will proceed to Amoy. A rumour was prevalent that the 157th Division, stationed at present at Amoy, would be transferred, but this is denied by the officer commanding the Division. This Chekiang Division is a reinforcement to support the present troops should the Japanese decide to attack the city.—Our Own Correspondent.

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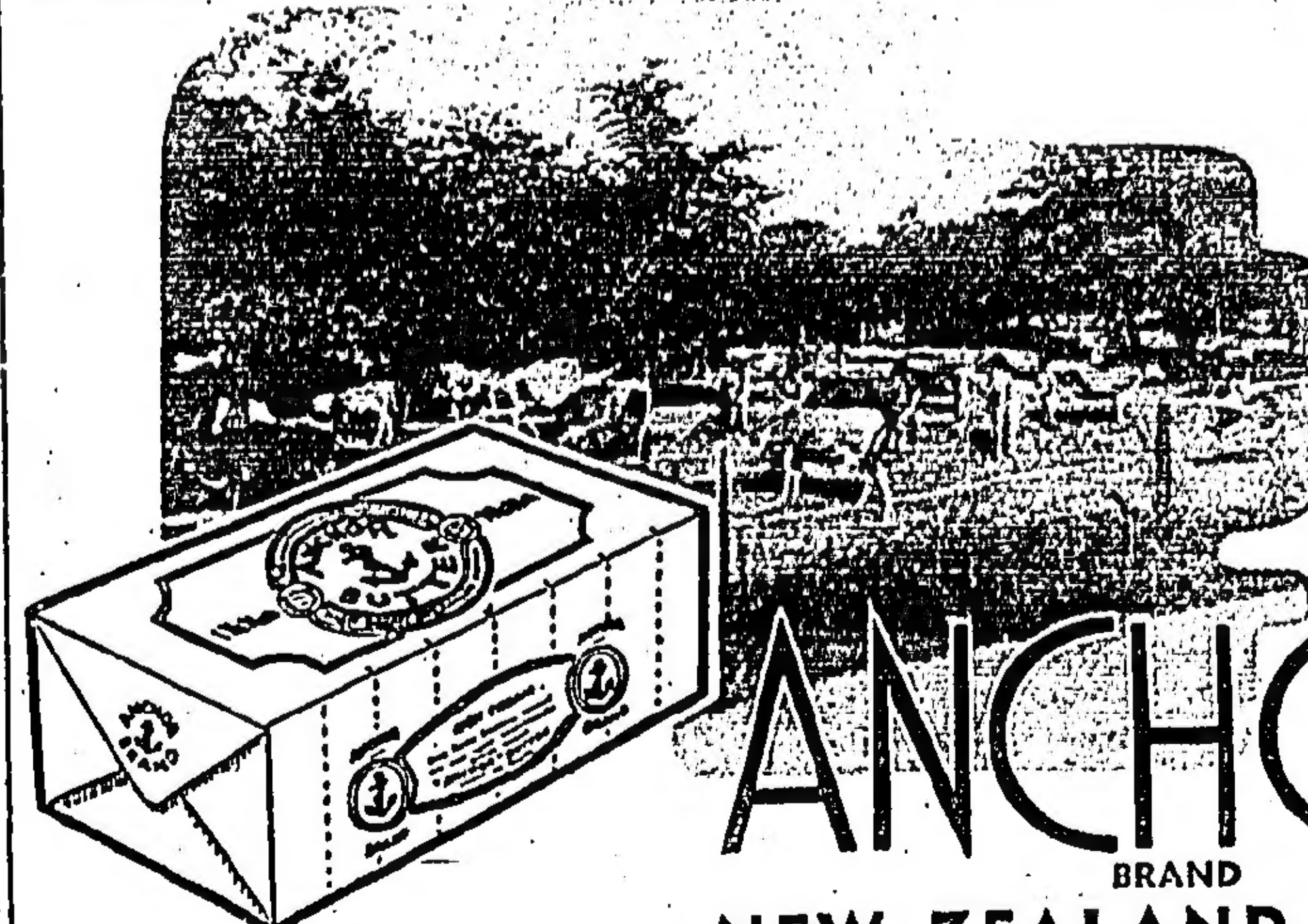
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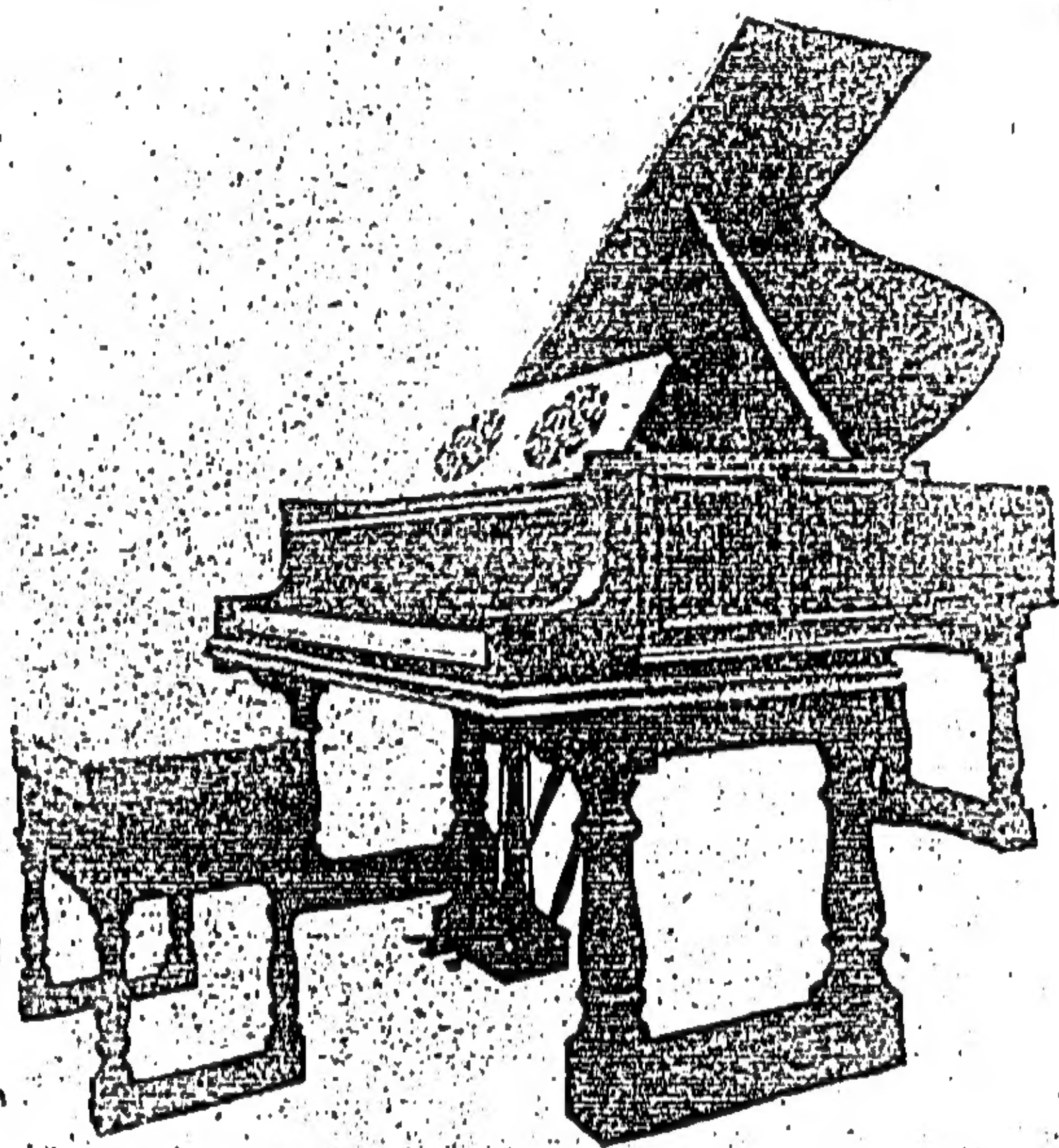
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The
Hongkong Telegraph.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 1938.

CENTRAL EUROPE'S CROSS-ROADS

There are definite indications of a trend towards the Rome-Berlin axis by Austria and Hungary. Commercially, politically and even from an historical point of view such an affinity is not surprising. Commercially, Germany and Italy are important to the Austrian and Hungarian people; increasingly so in view of the necessity of the bigger powers securing raw products from their neighbours. It would seem that in this case the lesser states were in a sound position for bargaining, but the political aspects of the situation are such that this advantage is largely offset. They outweigh commercial considerations. Possibly because of them, the weaker parties find it expedient to have some definite understanding in order to avoid complications of a dangerous nature. This, at least, is the view of several commentators in Europe discussing the problems of the governments at Vienna and Budapest. They put it bluntly: in order to escape the danger of unfriendly reaction on the part of Italy and Germany, Austria and Hungary may find it necessary to adhere to some sort of pact with their big neighbours, and it is possible that the conversations at present in progress at Budapest, at which all four powers are represented, may be laying the foundation for this understanding.

The political situation in Austria, especially, is very much confused. There is a strong Nazi party there, bitterly antagonistic to the Monarchists, who are now campaigning for the return of Archduke Otto to the throne of his fathers. It was a coincidence that the Nazis chose to make their influence felt at the time of the Budapest

NERVES

YOU know that "end-of-the-holiday" feeling? Everyone experiences it at some time in their lives. A touchiness, an unreasonable irritability over trifles, which leads to quarrels between lovers and friction in families.

You probably do not know that the basic cause of it is that you have been eating more and richer food than usual, perhaps taking more exercise, subjecting different parts of your body to unaccustomed strains. Your nervous system, over-strained in its purely physical duties, lets you down mentally.

Look at it the other way round. Many people when they receive a sudden piece of bad news feel, and often are, physically sick. Others burst into perspiration, or start to shake.

Excessive mental or emotional strain on the nerves prevents them performing their bodily duties properly and produces physical symptoms.

The serious study of the nervous system and the recognition of the part they play in health are comparatively recent developments of medical science. You will still hear doctors dismiss some patient's ailment with a contemptuous "Oh! it's nothing, but nerves!" Such a remark is just as foolish as to say of a man with a broken leg "It's nothing but a bone!"

THE nervous system, like the blood system, covers every part of the body with a network of tiny fibres, and its functions in maintaining health and preserving life are no less important than those of the blood.

It remained for so long the Cinderella of physiology because conversations. But the Monarchist campaign for Otto gave them an excuse, if they required one.

It is perhaps unfair to say that the Austro-Hungarian reaffirmation of their opposition to Communism was a move of self-defence against their professed friends of Rome and Berlin. It is probably very true that the vast majority of Austro-Hungarians are opposed to the doctrine of Marx and the idea of world revolution. But likewise a good proportion of them are opposed to Nazism and Fascism. Archduke Otto, in fact, has bluntly declared against Fascism, though latterly he has changed his attitude to the extent of admitting that such a system might solve the Austrian political problem. For Hungary he has never deviated from the contention that a monarchical form of Government, based on the British model, is the best suited.

There is to be bound to be some conflict in these central European fields. Never particularly popular, the League of Nations appears to have lost entirely the friendship and trust of Austria and Hungary. Despatches from Budapest indicate that withdrawal of both states is not impossible. And withdrawal would probably be the first step in the re-establishment of the old Triple Entente, or something very like it. Austria and Hungary must naturally aim at security. Out of the arms of the League they are in the hands of Germany and Italy. What more natural than that they should join the anti-Comintern pact, recognise General Franco's Insurgents, Italy's Empire in Ethiopia, and become good totalitarian states? They are being driven to it.

of its connection with mental illness. Excessive nervous strain does frequently cause delusions or phobias, but a faulty blood supply to the brain can produce very similar phenomena, and to withhold sympathy from nerve sufferers, to treat them as if there was really nothing wrong with them, is both cruel and silly.

A nerve itself looks like a little white worm. If you have a large hole in one of your teeth, the dentist will probably kill the nerve in that tooth and pick it out with a thin wire hook. Next time that misfortune occurs to you, ask him to show you your nerve.

It is a profoundly interesting object. That little worm is linked with every other nerve in your body. The whole system is like a highly complicated electric grid controlling every movement of and in your body, and ready to warn you of danger at a moment's notice.

THE centre of the system, the trunk line of the grid, is your spinal cord, which runs down from your brain inside your backbone. A man can break his backbone and live, but if his spinal cord is broken he dies instantly. From this trunk line branches of nerves lead out to every part of your body. The bigger central ones are bundles containing many separate nerves; by the time the skin is reached these have split up into single worms.

There are two types of "line" in this human grid. The sensory nerves, which record and transmit to the centre news of anything that happens in, or on, the surface of your body, and the motor nerves, which control the action of your muscles.

The most obvious example of the close and rapid co-operation between the two groups is to touch a hot plate.

Almost before you are conscious of the painful sensation of heat which your sensory nerves have conveyed to your brain, your motor nerves have set in action the muscles which draw your finger back.

But a very large proportion of the work done by the nerves



never reaches your consciousness at all. If it did, you would be quite incapable of thinking about anything else.

Your brain would be hopelessly overburdened. The method by which this is avoided is one of the most ingenious parts of the whole miraculous mechanism.

If you regard the brain as the central switchboard of the nervous system, there are subsidiary switchboards working automatically in other parts of the body.

Messages reaching these are short-circuited and the motor-nerves act immediately on their receipt without your knowing anything about it. Your breathing, the beating of your heart, your digestion, are all operated through these automatic switchboards.

Occasionally they go wrong. Cases have occurred in which the patient was unable to breathe unless he consciously drew each breath. There was nothing wrong with his lungs, but the control mechanism had failed and an operation which in normal people is performed unconsciously, became a matter of thought and will. No one could endure long in this state without going mad or dying.

ONE of the most curious automatic nerve functions, and one which is most easily put out of order, is the control of the food that passes through your body.

Different stages of digestion take place at different parts of what is called the alimentary canal, the series of organs which begins with your stomach and ends with your bowel. If digestion is to take place properly and provide your body with the full value of the food you have eaten, the contents of your alimentary canal must move forward according to a regular time-table.

This is ensured by a series of lock-gates, nerve-operated, which open and close to allow the food to pass through at the appropriate moment.

If the gates stick and the food is retained too long in a particular part of the canal it ferments and you suffer from indigestion.

Now, it is this lock-gate control which is most often affected by the emotional strains which I mentioned at the beginning of this article.

If you are violently in love, or very frightened, or over-excited it is almost certain that you will not be able to eat normally or, if you do eat, you will have a stomach ache.

To use an electrical term, the emotional "load" on your nervous system has proved more than it can stand. Conversely, if you have just eaten a substantial meal and are digesting it properly, you will probably find it difficult to become excited.

Few people propose marriage immediately after dinner. Any speaker knows the impossibility of rousing a well-fed audience. The "load" on the nervous system is the other way.

How can you avoid suffering from nerve-trouble, whether physical or mental?

A TRAGEDY OF PROGRESS

"WELL," I called, "are you looking forward to the twenty-eighth?"

The old man straightened his back and turned round slowly. "I've been tending this bit of ground for thirty-four years now. Do you suppose I'm glad to lose it?"

I was leaning over the common fence of our allotments. I had just dismantled the little collapsible hut in my own patch of ground, and packed up a few tools and one or two plants I intended to give away to gardening friends. We had received an order to vacate our allotments by the 28th of November, as the ground was to be used for building.

The old man hobbled towards me. He had only been pottering aimlessly in a border. Obviously he could not bear to leave the earth alone, though he knew it would never feed another plant or bring forth another flower.

He was the Grand Old Man of the allotments. His hut, its walls composed of scraps of sheet-iron, three-ply board, tinned felt, and planking, had been extended with the years, so that it now consisted of two ply board, tinned felt, and planking, painted; little windows had been made with irregular fragments of glass, and the roof and corners were decorated with whitewashed sections of rubber tubing and old bicycle tyres.

Inside, luxury of luxuries, was an ancient settee; the walls were dotted with brown-edged pictures clipped from wartime magazines; and in the

room where his hoe and rake and trowel and raffia and packets of seeds were kept there stood a small oil-stove.

Here on summer evenings he would brew strong tea, and, seated on his sofa and puffing at a rank old clay, hold court among the other allotment-holders, old and young alike, who gathered for a nightly gossip when their digging and thinning and tying up was done.

He might eat and sleep in a crowded tenement where the sunlight rarely penetrated, but that mattered little; this was his true home—this was his country estate, where he was the equal of the richest in the land. And day in, day out, whenever I worked in my own small enclosure, he was to be seen in his moving slowly about among his plants, with a nod and a smiling word for every neighbour.

But on this misty morning the field was almost deserted. His back seemed more bent and his hand more trembling since the order had come. "Are you getting another place farther out of town?" I asked.

"No, I'm too old to begin again," I hadn't far to walk. "I realised he meant he could not afford a bus fare. As I left he was half-heartedly turning over soil that was to serve as the foundation for some ugly concrete building. I wondered if progress meant so much. And I thought of Eden. But what was this old man's sin, that he, too, should be thrust out?"

A. P. S.

THE first rule, as with most diseases, is not to think too much about it or to be afraid that your nerves are wrong. But this does not mean that you should not contemplate and admire your nervous mechanism as you might the engine of a motor-car.

If you understand how an engine works, you are less likely to subject it to undue strains. So realise when your nerves are in danger of over-loading and take precautions.

If you know that on holiday you have been eating more than usual, avoid conversation on subjects that excite or worry you.

If you are in love or anxious about your future, be careful about what you eat. Never quarrel at meal-times.

Alcohol in excess, and to a lesser extent tobacco, immediately weaken your nervous energy.

The man who gets drunk because he has met with a reverse definitely diminishes his own body's capacity to resist what has happened to him.

BALLOONS CAN DEFEND LONDON

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AN attempt to penetrate a balloon barrage over London would probably result in the loss of an attacking bomber for every balloon destroyed, and in these circumstances it was unlikely that an enemy would persevere in such an attack.

This suggestion was made recently in an address at the Royal United Service Institution by Air-Commodore J. G. Hearson, who was appointed this year Air Officer Commanding No. 30 (Balloon Barrage) Group of the R.A.F. Experiments and research carried out indicated, he said, that a balloon barrage as part of London's air defence would be "uncomfortably effective."

It was possible that balloons carrying high explosive charges, which could be fired from the ground, might be included as a strong deterrent to attackers.

"The balloon barrage, as part of the air defence of London, is becoming an accomplished fact," he said. "NOT A SCARE"

"It is not a political stunt, and it is not merely a scare. It will be a very real and considerable contribution to air defence, meeting requirements which cannot be met by any other means known at present."

"The elaboration and extension of this form of defence show every promise of becoming valuable in the not too distant future."

"The problem of making the barrage lethal against modern aircraft is becoming capable of solution. "Counter measures," he added, "are most likely to take the form of protective devices, or special cable-sweeping airplanes sent in advance of a raid."

"Such devices are difficult to fit, and it might be found no easy matter to incorporate them in new designs. Methods of defeating them are under investigation."

Dealing with the disadvantages associated with cable-raising balloons, Air-Commodore Hearson said: "We are investigating an interesting proposal to overcome them. I cannot say anything further at present."

RAF. 'PLANES FLY 100,000,000 MILES IN YEAR FARTHER THAN SUN BEST-TRAINED FORCE IN WORLD

By Major C. C. Turner

Aeroplanes of the R.A.F. last year flew about 100,000,000 miles. If all the flights were joined as a continuous line, it would reach as far as the sun—about 92,000,000 miles from the earth—and nearly three times round the sun's 271,542,000 miles equator. The imaginary flight would have taken more than 80 years.

The Air Ministry does not divulge the flying time year's aggregate of the Air Force. The estimate above is based on the number of pilots serving and under training, and on knowledge of the amount of flying done in the various categories. Then, the speeds of the numerous types of aeroplanes are taken into account.

The estimate can only be approximate, but throughout I have been careful to take low, rather than high, averages.

There are machines in the Service which can attain a speed exceeding 300 m.p.h., and a considerable number only a few miles short of 300 m.p.h. Some of the training machines do nearly 200 m.p.h. But aeroplanes are rarely put to their maximum speeds; they are flown, normally, at economical speeds, and there is much flying at less than that. My calculations are based on cruising speeds of the various types, and of these I have taken a conservative view.

DOUBLE IN TWO YEARS
It was estimated that in 1935 the aggregate mileage was about 50,000,000. In the past two years the R.A.F. has been more than doubled, and the average speed has gone up considerably.

There are more than 2,000 first-line machines, and about 600 training aircraft in the Fleet Air Arm. Training of the new Volunteer Reserve, the annual obligatory flying of the Reserve of Air Officers, and the work of the Fleet Air Arm are included.

This year there have been 80 fatal accidents, with a loss of 141 lives, and these casualties should be considered in relation to the amount of flying.

CAUSES OF ACCIDENTS
By comparison with 1934 and 1935, which were years of exceptionally few fatal accidents, the figures for 1936 and 1937 are, unfortunately, high. But by comparison with the previous two years there is a proportional decrease despite the fact that in these last two years training of new personnel has been carried out to a far greater extent than in normal times. In the present year, also, an exceptionally large number passed from training types to service types, thus entering upon a recognised dangerous phase in the flying career.

There has been no attempt to abate the high standard of flying, or to make less exacting demands upon the personnel. The R.A.F. is the best trained air force in the world.

"Seasick" Officer Was Dying

A Naval Lieutenant who was believed to be seasick was really dying of carbon monoxide poisoning, it was revealed at the Portsmouth inquest recently.

"Death from misadventure" was the verdict on Lieutenant George Edward Williamson (44) who died on November 29 in a new motor mine-sweeper, which he was to have commanded, while on passage from Greenwich to Portsmouth.

The vessel was being delivered by Messrs. J. I. Thornycroft to the Admiralty, and at the opening of the inquest the coroner (Mr. P. H. Childs) said that the carbon monoxide might have been the result of fumes from petrol by which the vessel was driven.

Since Lieutenant Williamson's death the Admiralty had caused an inquiry to be made.

IN GALE
John Ward Thornycroft, director of J. I. Thornycroft and Co., Ltd., who was on board the vessel, stated that on the run from Greenwich to Dover, on November 28, nothing abnormal was noticed.

Next day, when the passage was rather rough, he spoke to Lieutenant Williamson, who was reclining on a settee, but receiving a non-committal reply he concluded that the officer was feeling seasick.

Mr. Thornycroft added there was no possibility of engine-room fumes passing into the wardroom other than fumes which first passed out of the ship and passed in again. The wardroom starboard ventilators were open.

He could not say how carbon monoxide came into the ship. To his knowledge, the construction of the boat was up to date and in good practice.

Other evidence was given that there was no ill-effect among the crew, except that two or three felt seasick.

BLOOD TESTS
Surgeon-Lieut. Commander R. R. Baker said that a post-mortem examination revealed carbon monoxide poisoning, to which he attributed death.

Asked if a person who had an enlarged thymus gland, which in itself could not be considered dangerous, was liable to die suddenly from slight causes, Lieut. Commander Baker replied that that had long been recognized.

Favourite Stars Of The Great

DUKE OF WINDSOR LIKES GARBO

Paris. The great men of this earth all have their favourite movie stars.

In every King's castle, in every Dictator's palace one or another of the most famed personalities in celluloid enjoys royal favour. In those capitals where the regal or political monarchs cannot go democratically to the ordinary movie theatre they have private projection rooms where they watch the antics of their favourites. The Paris weekly paper for French movie-fans, *Cine monde*, went to the trouble of checking on the favourites of many of the world's great and this is what the paper found:

Hitler . . . The Marx brothers.
Duke and Duchess of Kent . . . Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire.
King Christian X of Denmark . . . Gary Cooper.

Princess Elizabeth . . . Popeye.
Princess Margaret-Rose . . . Mickey and Donald Duck.
Delbos . . . Shirley Temple.
Herriot . . . Chaplin.

Duke of Windsor . . . Garbo and Taylor.
Duchess of Windsor . . . Bette Davis and Freddie Bartholomew.
Emperor of Manchukuo . . . Chaplin.

King Haakon of Norway is the greatest royal fan among the ruling monarchs. He sees an average of 8 films a week. King Gustav of Sweden loved movies and tennis, and sees 4 films a week. Neither of those Kings would profess a weakness for any particular star but they both prefer the fast-moving Hollywood films of the "it happened one night" school.



THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED when Japanese bombers scored a direct hit on the Kowloon Canton Railway. But gangs of coolies on restore communication.

Scotland Yard Gets Its Man After Long Nationwide Search

Claimed by the prosecution to be "Flannel Foot," the elusive burglar whose skill for years defied Scotland Yard, Henry Williams heard counsel tell of "one point definitely in his favour" as he stood in the dock at Middlesex Sessions the other day, when he was sentenced to five years' penal servitude.

Mr. Christmas Humphreys, prosecuting, declared: "Obviously he has been acting as a professional cash burglar for a great many years, but he has never used violence, never caused undue damage, never so much as frightened a single individual, never had on him anything in the nature of a lethal or dangerous weapon."

Williams, aged 49, of Royal Albert, Heston Park, pleaded guilty to four charges of breaking into houses, one charge of burglariously breaking out of a house, and another of possessing housebreaking implements by night.

A smartly-dressed man with a neatly-clipped moustache, he smiled as he entered his plea.

HAD 47 KEYS
The clerk read out the list of house-breaking implements found on Williams when he was caught by the police at Ruislip. They were:

Two table knives, screwdriver, piece of wire, two torches, pair of pliers, metal grip, two safety pins, piece of sock, a pair of goloshes, 47 keys, pocket knife, and pair of gloves.

Mr. Humphreys said that for five years the police had been searching for a man whom the Press called "Flannel Foot." On October 20 detectives followed Williams from his home to Ruislip and arrested him coming from an unoccupied house.

"When he was searched they found on him a complete paraphernalia of a burglar, and in a brown paper parcel a pair of goloshes which he was wont to wear in carrying out the burglaries."

NO FINGERPRINTS
"Imprints of these goloshes were found in the gardens of houses he has broken into. Apparently it was his habit to wipe these goloshes in the houses with some cloth, so that later he should not be seen wearing muddy shoes that might give him away."

The police examined his gloves and they showed that when he handled various articles he would have no fingerprints. In fact, no fingerprints were ever found.

"After his arrest the police searched his premises and found a small quantity of jewellery, which was placed before the enormous number of people who had complained, and five sets were identified."

CHOSE PAY DAYS
Williams usually selected Friday or Saturday night, when he knew that wages would be in the house, and except for an occasional article of jewellery it was money he always stole. The houses were usually of the small villa type.

His modus operandi was to get in by a french window, opening it by means which had better not be explained in court, but which did not break the glass and apparently gained him admission without the slightest difficulty.

"He would steal any cash about the house, and having politely wiped his feet—not on the mat, but on some piece of flannel or cloth lying about—would depart with his goloshes wrapped up in a brown paper parcel and with such money as he was able to steal."

There was only one previous conviction against him—in 1911. He had been shown a long list of offences committed by some person in or around London during the last five years, and he admitted 34, asking to

RADIO BROADCAST

Gaston D'Aquino (Tenor) From the Studio

RIGOLETTO: ACTS 2 AND 3

Radio Programme Broadcast by ZBW on Frequencies of 845 k.c.s., 9.52 m.c.s. per second.

12-12.20 p.m. Relay of Special Service from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 p.m. Patricia Rossborough. Popular Hits. Intro—"No Regrets." "Laughing Irish Eyes." "A Fine Romance." "Serenade in the Night." "Take My Heart." Selection from "Anything Goes."

12.42 Harry Roy & His Orchestra. Foxtrots—"They All Laughed." "I've got Beginner's Luck." "Shall We Dance?" "Slap That Bass." "Why Can't We Make Love?" Slow Foxtrots—"Broken Hearted Clown."

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Composition and Eric Coates. Cinderella—A Phantasy. Symphonic Orchestra cond. by the Composer. Saxo-Rhapsody. Sigurd Tauscher with Orchestra cond. by the composer. The Jester at the Wedding. Symphony Orch. cond. by the Composer.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press; Local Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 Gerahwin—Piano Concerto in F Major. Roy Barry at the Piano with Paul Whiteman & His Orchestra.

2.07 Dance Records. Foxtrots: Let's call the Whole Thing off; They can't take that away from me. Roy Fox and his Orch. I dream of San Marino; Let me dream of Havana. Ronnie Munro and his Dance Orchestra.

2.15 Close down.

7.00 Chinese Programme.

7.30 Dance Music.

Foxtrots: Lights Out; I'm shooting High. Little Jack Little & His Orchestra. This Year's Kisses; You're laughing at me. Roy Smek and His Hawaiian Serenaders. Slow Foxtrots: Would You Waltz—A Waltz was born in Vienna. The Music Makers. Foxtrots: A melody for Two; September in the Rain. Jack Hyllon & His Orchestra.

Tango—Questa Notte ti dirò. Waltz—Coronation Waltz. Mantovani & His Orchestra.

7.30 Variety.

Vocal: I Sing Two Songs of Arabia. I Know of Two Bright Eyes. Jean Davies (Tenor). Orchestra—From Near and Far—Austrian Waltz Melodies. Vienna Accordion Orchestra. Vocal—My Heart will be Dancing; Lilting. Orchestra—Tango; Not So Long Ago 1923-4. New Mayfair Orchestra. Selection from "Once Upon A Time." New Mayfair Orchestra.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Gaston D'Aquino (Tenor) acc. by E. O'Neill Shaw.

1. (a) Penso; (b) Ave Maria; (c) Matineta. Tosil. 2. (a) To One Beloved; (b) Roses Red in the Garden; (c) Down in the Forest. London Herald. 3. (a) Mamma Mia. London Herald. 4. (a) Nettle; (b) Ochi turchini. Denza.

8.30 London Relay—"Food for Thought." Three short talks on matters of topical interest.

8.50 A concert of Russian Music. Lindow—A Musical Snuff Box. Orchestra. Raymonde. Moussorgsky—Hopak. Melodie Russe. Alexander Koubitzky (Tenor). Glazounow—Scenes de Ballet Op. 52. New Symphony Orchestra conducted by Eugene Goossens. Moussorgsky—"Boris Godounov"—Forewell of Paris; "Boris Godounov"—Challapine.

Death of Boris. The News. 9.00 "Rigolotto." Acts 2 and 3 (Verdi).

Riccardo Stracalari, Dino Borgioli, Mario Rinaldi, Guido Uxa, Eugenio Dall'Argina, Mercedes Campi, Ernesto Domini, Maselli, Bassi, Chorus of La Scala Milan, and the Milan Symphony Orchestra.

11.00 Close Down.

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ITALIAN MISSION TO JAPAN

Goodwill Tour To Be Undertaken

Tokyo, Jan. 13.

The Italian Ambassador, Signor Auriti, yesterday saw the Foreign Minister, Mr. Hirota, and informed him that a goodwill mission of 14, led by Marquis Barone, would shortly visit Japan to convey the friendly sentiment of the Fascist Party and Italian people to Japan and also to inspect social, industrial, educa-

tional and military conditions in Japan.

Mr. Hirota assured Signor Auriti that the Japanese Government would do everything in their power to welcome the Italian mission, which would doubtless promote friendly relations between Italy and Japan.

All newspapers this morning gave prominence to Signor Auriti's communication, and preparations are already under way for welcoming the mission, which was personally organised by Mussolini, the Italian Prime Minister, the Italian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the newspapers.

It is understood that the secretary of the mission will be Signor Marcello Rodolfo, Minister Plenipotentiary at Rome.

Cricket Notes

By "A. Abbit"

Civil Servants Enjoying Some Success

CRUSHING DEFEAT OF CLUB DE RECREIO

One of the most crushing victories of last Saturday was obtained by the Civil Service who shot out Club de Recreio for 64 runs, and one of the most noticeable features of this season as regards individual players has been the marked improvement of F. Baker. He was always a useful bowler though he has always been rather unlucky in the matter of wickets. This year, however, he has improved his batting enormously and though I should not call him either a correct or a polished performer, he gets runs very quickly.

Practically all the men he got in the Club de Recreio have good experience of cricket and a good many of them represented the University. I think, in its better days. In view of this, Baker's analysis of 13-15-18-7 was a remarkably good one. The Civil Service are undoubtedly looking up. I am told Perry bowled uncommonly well to start with as well. The Civil Service had no trouble in knocking off the runs. I am not sure that they will not do as well as anyone except, perhaps, the Hongkong Club in the Shield competition, but actually it really does not matter a bit whether they win or lose. They play good sporting cricket and it is pleasant to see them enjoying some measure of success after several very poor years.

A NEAR THING

The Indian Recreation Club continued their habit of doing something amazing. Their first three batsmen scored respectively 10, 67, and 27, and I am told that 110 was up for one wicket. However, they managed to be all out for 142 though of course they were bustling. There were no less than three people run out. A. H. Madan's was particularly a bad one.

The Craigenower side were also a bit in and out, and made a good start—I believe Youngs is very much more useful when he goes in first than when he goes in number 4—but afterwards there was a slump in G. A. Souza joined A. R. H. Esmail. Both these cricketers are going on and I should like to see them play under even more important conditions, i.e. in some trial games for the next Interport. Souza was not out for 47 in the end and C.C.C. just managed to crawl off a few runs (if you look at it from the point of view of the I.R.C.) or (if you look at it from the point of view of Craigenower), they just had no time to get the 11 runs necessary for victory! It was a good close match. One thing that strikes me as very curious is that Minu always seems more dangerous against the Club.

SPORT ADVTS.

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the Army and the Navy batsmen. Against the K.C.C. and C.C.C. he does not seem to have the same terror.

JUNIOR DIVISION

The Kowloon second eleven still remain under their cloud and they were thoroughly beaten by the Army "A" side. The only person to make any decent score for them was Dunne, who made 42. Baxter is still in his bad patch and I am inclined to think it is the result of steadily sticking to the Junior division cricket. It is not too late, in my humble opinion, for him to develop into the good cricketer he showed promise of being, if he was played regularly in the first and got some coaching and encouragement from the older hands—both players and those who have retired from the game. The Army "A", for whom Sgt. Baker made 66 and Sgt. Bennett 47, ran up 142 for five wickets.

CRAIGENOWER'S SUCCESS

Whatever view may be taken of the result of the first division game between the I.R.C. and C.C.C. there is no doubt that the Craigenower second put it right across I.R.C. second. They seemed to have a remarkable amount of batting as they had no difficulty in running up 191 for 9 wickets declared against the I.R.C. bowling, which previously a week or two ago had put K.C.C. second out for so small a score. I saw the beginning of the I.R.C. batting and they appeared completely comfortable. I am beginning to realize, however, that once I. Ali, H. T. Barma and K. M. Rumbhann have gone, the betting is that there will be very little more run getting in the side.

NAVY STILL WIN

In the Second Division this year all our old idols seem to be revealing the feet of clay. H.K.C.C. second eleven looked pretty fair to me on paper, but they could collect no more than a miserable 35, of which Mitchell, Bishop and Fox made 61 runs between themselves. Apart from a patch of three snappy L.B.W.'s and one run out after the fall of the second wicket, I think the Navy had not much to worry about, though actually they only got 103. They are still on the top of the League table though Craigenower, who personally I think is a better side, can draw level by winning the match that they are in arrears. However, the Navy certainly deserve all the luck they can have as they are fighting a desperate battle with the few people who have not gone down to the Singapore manoeuvres, or perhaps I should say on the southern cruises! I take off my hat to their Secretary.

POLICE WIN

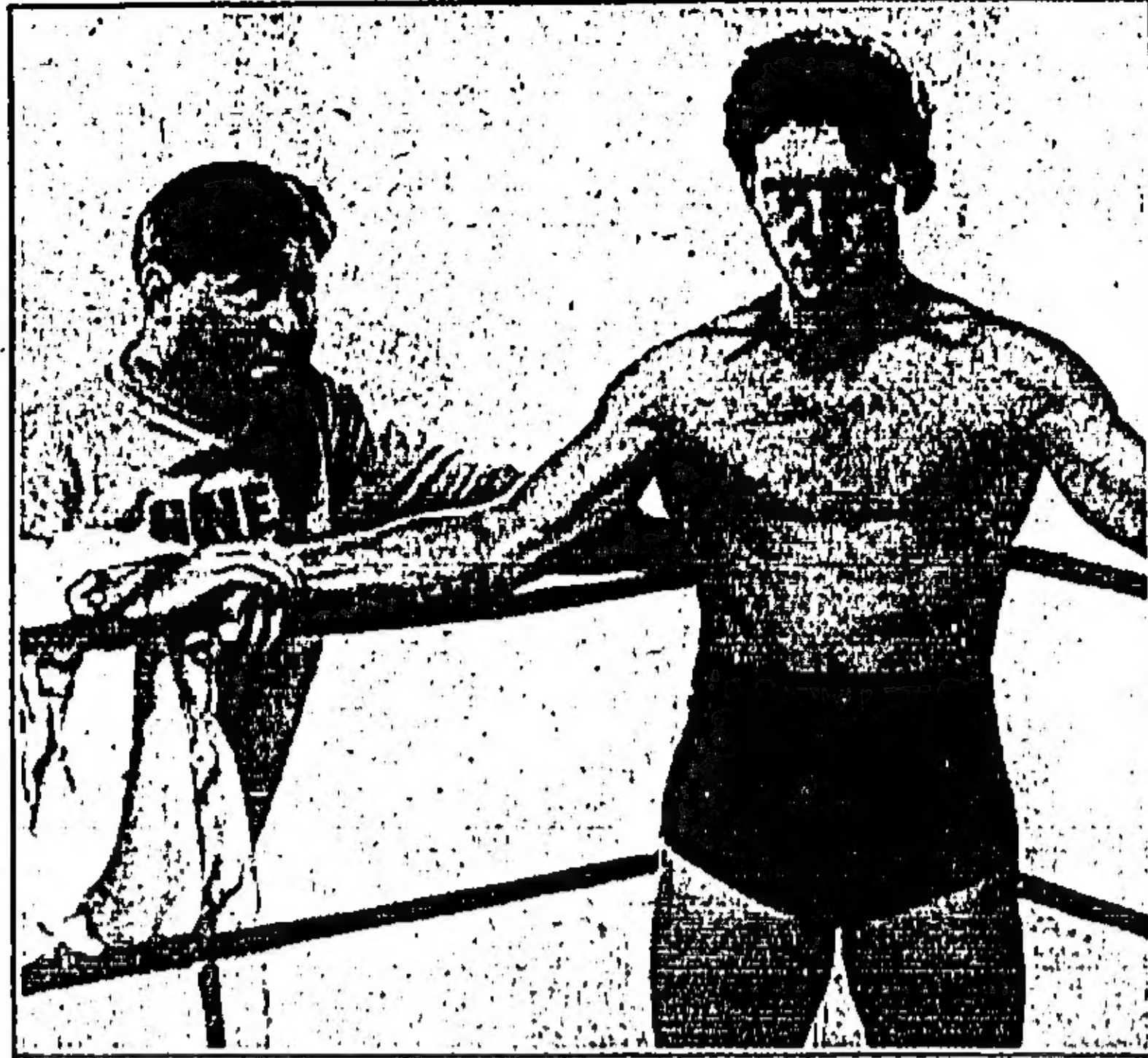
Poor old Army "B" made a gallant struggle of it with the Police, who had one of their good days with the bat. I should very much like to see Pope in big cricket here (if there was any), as he has been doing consistently well in the junior games. Last Saturday, he made 57, took 7 wickets for 58 runs, bowling unchanged. The Police's total of 101 was far too much for the Army, though, after they had lost three wickets cheaply, they died game.

BAD BATTING

The Civil Service, who occupied the laudable position of 9th in the League table (it sounds better that way!) had a setback when they came up against the University. As a matter of fact they were very much out of luck as they had several men away and Haynes had a crooked foot. Even so, up to a period, they did uncommonly well after the University had made a big start. (Incidentally I did not know that my old friend Crawley was a trundler.) A last wicket stand however put on about 40 runs and instead of facing a total of just over 100, the C.S.C. had to get 152 and that was, and always will be, I fear, beyond. Any way they were unable to obtain more than 61. However I begin to see the beginning of better things in this side. Good luck to them.

THE BATTLE OF THE BLUES

For several years past the annual match between Oxford and Cambridge has provided an extremely interesting game, and on Wednesday



The opening scenes in "Fight For Your Lady", now showing at the Queen's Theatre, are those of a wrestling match before an audience of London notables. Jack Oakie is seen as a hard-boiled American, and is co-starred with John Boles. On the stage, Evelyn and Ted Chen, famous Chinese dancers, will present a series of Oriental and western dances.

last probably the most thrilling game of the whole lot was played. In 1937 Oxford won by one wicket, a ball going for four byes and missing the stumps by an inch. This year Oxford won by one run, a hit that might well have reached the boundary had it been pulled but more, being brilliantly caught at mid-on. The standard of this match used to be pretty low and in previous days it was usually a question of one or two outstanding players and the rest completely useless. I think Wednesday's game showed more all round talent than has ever been on view. The whole point from the start was whether Oxford's undoubted superiority in batting would turn the scale against the better Cambridge bowling. Cambridge were unlucky in that within 24 hours of the match, three of their best players had to call off. Lloyd had to go up to Canton, J. Barrow was ill, and Man, who had been tried for Cambridge as wicketkeeper and is a useful bat, all had to cry off.

AN EXCELLENT START

Oxford began with Baines and Ride, and they defied the Cambridge bowling for about 16 overs or more. They sent 60 up without loss, but then Ride mistimed one from McLellan and was caught and bowled. (65-1-42). A hard hitting innings marred only by a very close L.B.W. and two or three snicks in the slips early on. Wickets then fell fast for a time. Griffiths went one run later, the latter L.B.W. to McLellan for 25. Hawkins and Sayer then put on 25 but at that score Hawkins was caught in the slips off Barron, who bowled H. Lee two balls later. One run later and Landale was L.B.W. to Hamilton, who bowled three overs to give McLellan a rest. The innings finally closed for 110. Cambridge also started well, and 33 were up before Wooding was bowled by Baines and D'Arcy Evans

hung on while another 22 were added, chiefly by McLellan. At 55 D'Arcy Evans was L.B.W. to Baines, who was bowling very steadily, and then the worst tragedy happened as McLellan got one from Lee on the end of his bat, and the bowler brought off a fine C. and B. However, runs came quietly. Wauchope was bowled at 70, but Wallington and Sargent looked as if they had settled down when the latter was very foolishly run out. (78-5-8). With no change in the score there was an equally silly run out and things looked as dark as possible for the Light Blues. However, Hall and Stock hung on gamely and took the score to 103 before Stock was bowled by Hawkins, whom he had never looked like playing. Five runs later Hall was caught at cover off the same bowler for a very useful 17. Hamilton joined Barron, but after six runs had been scored the latter drove one back tremendously hard at Griffiths and was brilliantly caught. Lindsell played out the over. With six wanted to win, Hamilton, who had had to watch Hawkins very carefully and had taken no liberties with him, managed to reach a leg ball pitched up well, and swept it to long leg. With two runs wanted to win he got hold of a half volley, which was intended to go to mid wicket; unfortunately there was a little extra spin from leg on the ball and he only sliced it wide to mid on where Whyatt made a brilliant catch to give Oxford the victory by one run.

It was a delightful game in perfect weather and on one of the best pitches I have ever struck on the Club ground. The Society are very grateful to the Committee of the Hongkong C. C. for the loan of the ground and the permission to film the "Devil on the Cross", alas, for which Cambridge will have to pay!

TO-MORROW'S GAMES

There is a pretty full programme

Hull Scores Ten Times At Soccer

Third Division Matches

London, Jan. 13.
Playing at home in the Northern Section of the Third Division in the English Football League to-day, Hull scored ten times against Southport and won finally by 10-1.
In the Southern Section, Newport, at home, lost to Torquay by two goals to nil.
Scores:
THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)
Newport 0 Torquay 2
THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)
Hull 10 Southport 1
—Reuter.

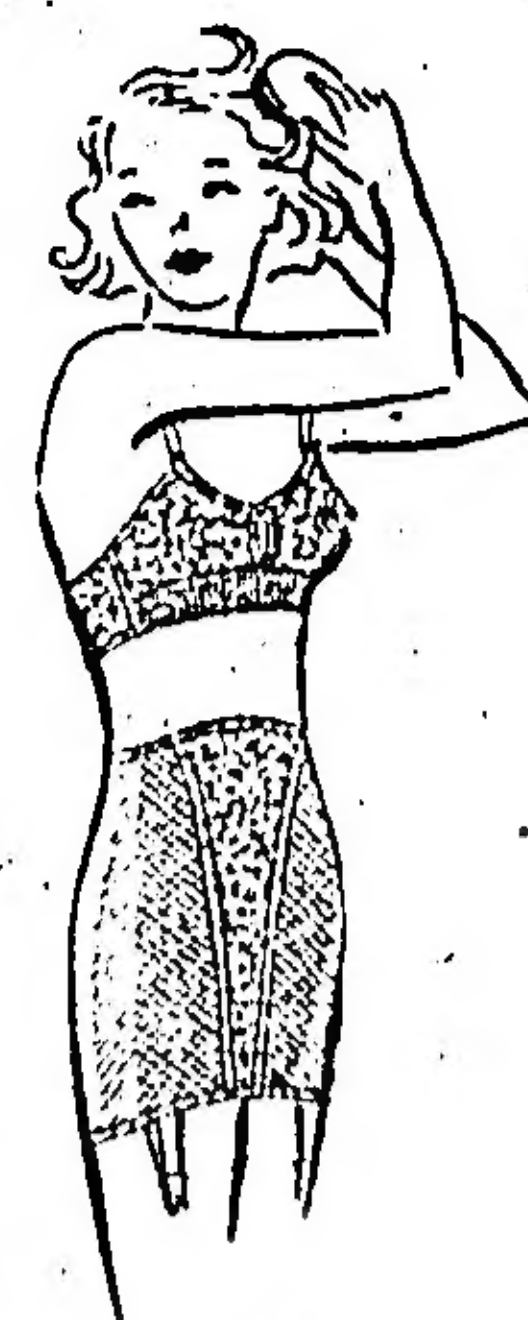
ARMY RUGGER FIFTEEN

The following will represent the Army against the Hongkong Football Club in the Triangular Rugby Tournament match on the Club ground on Saturday:
Fus. Perritt (R.W.F.); L/Cpl. Ayrton (R.A.S.C.); Lt. R. MacLagan (Scarfords); 2/Lt. Gudgeon (Middlesex); Pte. Rainey (Scarfords) and Sgt. Bailey (R.A.M.C.); Sgt. Hall (I.L.E.); Capt. Gillespie (R.E.); Lt. Crawford (R.C. of Signals); 2/Lt. I. A. MacLagan (Scarfords); Cpl. Wainwright (R.C. of Signals); Sgt. Moore (Middlesex); Pte. Knowles (Scarfords) and Spr. Rumbell (R.E.).
The same team will represent the Army against H.M.S. Adventure at Sookunpoo on Tuesday, January 18, at 3.45 p.m.

to-morrow as there are nine League games down for decision. In the Senior Division the I.R.C. who are at home to Recreio should win their match, but in the others there should be a good struggle. On the Club ground I would back the home side against the Army, but if the latter can put out their full strength they might quite possibly draw the game—or even win it—at Sookunpoo though their bowling is on the weak side. The Civil Service almost always do badly against Craigenower on the ground of the latter Club but it may be the turn of the luck. There is little to choose between the sides. As for the Navy-K.C.C. game it is a question if whether the Navy professors come off, for they will naturally have a very weak side and I shall be surprised if K.C.C. do not win.

JUNIOR DIVISION

Turning to Junior games there should be an excellent dog-fight between University and I.R.C. second. The teams are rather like each other—I don't quite know how to explain it but they are! I fear C.S.C. will get a hiding from Craigenower and I fancy that the Club second should manage to beat the Army B. Army A should have the better of Recreio—but as for the K.C.C. and Navy match I would not like to forecast. Both can be quite good—or bad!



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The results of the L.G.U. Medal competitions held by the Ladies Section of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club at Fanling on Tuesday, January 11, were as follow:

Silver Medal.—Mrs. Redmond 97-17=80.
Bronze Medal.—Mrs. Collis 98-30=68; Mrs. Greaves 105-36=69; Mrs. Sommerfeld 91-19=72; Mrs. Thomson 97-26=72; and Mrs. Lindsell 96-22=74.

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Or, some helpful soul tells you that she has met his new secretary, and is she a beauty!

Then you carefully ask your husband about her. He replies with enthusiasm that she's a darned smart girl, and pretty too. As a matter of fact, she is getting on to the business so well (he continues, with what you regard as faked innocence) that he's beginning to lunch with her to go over things he doesn't want to discuss before the others in the office.

Crash! Your heart drops in your body, and you are certain he must have heard the thud.

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Your husband wonders what in the name of heaven is wrong with you, and, if he is thoroughly masculine, he suspects.

When you meet her

ACCORDING to your lights, you approach the girl (who probably suspects also) with a grand-lady manner, or in a patronisingly sweet attitude that would

make you sick if you could stand away and look at yourself.

The secretary preens herself a bit. After all, who could help it? What you have actually done with your afternoon is to start a nice little fire smouldering in the leaves. How much wiser it would have been to be quietly and, if I may call it so, intelligently jealous.

What traits does your husband admire in her? Are they traits he would like his wife to have, or not? Has she more charm, more tolerance, more brains, more beauty than you?

For heaven's sake, don't put yourself into the hands of the enemy by discussing her with your husband, unless he introduces the subject. The moment he does, here's a good rule to follow: Listen, in your mind, how your words about her will sound to some one else. Suppose he says, "Dear, why don't you

"The other woman preens herself a bit. After all, who could help it?"

wear black as Miss Blank does? She always looks so smart."

Say nothing for a moment until you have time to modulate the tones of your voice and also to be sure you say the right thing. You might try: "Yes, she has the right colouring for black," which will sound neither too saccharine nor too bitter.

Time for silence

NOW let us proceed to the more serious situation, when the cause for jealousy is actual. Suppose you learn on the best

possible authority—the word of your husband himself—that he is interested in another woman.

This again is a time for silence. A time for listening, thinking, and being, rather than a time for doing.

The person to whom you should speak at this time is yourself. Tell yourself that either you or he has somehow lost the first fine, careless rapture of your love. Be honest about it, admitting that either you or he is to blame.

Look at yourself relentlessly, and if you find his interest wandering, move heaven and earth to change yourself back into the girl who used to stand first with him.

The fact that the man you love speaks to another woman as he once spoke to you can inflict a wound as poignant as a knife. The fact that she, now, is first in his thoughts, first in his plans, is another dead weight to carry on your heart.

Pride will help

BUT there is a dignity to be maintained throughout the longest night and during the deepest despair. Pride may be a skimpy and a scanty cloak, but it gives a woman something to huddle beneath when her very soul shivers and shudders.

Next, there's to-morrow to face. So pull yourself together, and be thankful there's this to be done and that to be done, even though it appears to be the dullest or the most painful chore in the world.

Don't waste your time in thinking up revenge against this other woman or against the husband who has hurt you so. Revenge is the refuge of small minds. It is not for you.

So, if you happen to-day to be travelling this rocky road, say to yourself, "Suppose he does leave me for this woman? I'll not speak of it until he tells me of course. But what shall I do when he does tell me? How can I make myself thoroughly independent of him, spiritually as well as financially?"

Find an escape

THE answer to this problem is not to be found in one paragraph nor at one sitting. Examine your mind and examine your resources.

Can you afford to visit some trusted friend, or a relative, for a time? If that is impossible, you'll have to use all your ingenuity to find a mental escape for yourself.

What talent have you that you can turn into money?

At first you'll slip back, often. Oh, what's the use of this? Who cares what I do?

But the first pulling up is the hardest. If you are persistent the old standby, habit, will come to your rescue.

Dignity counts most

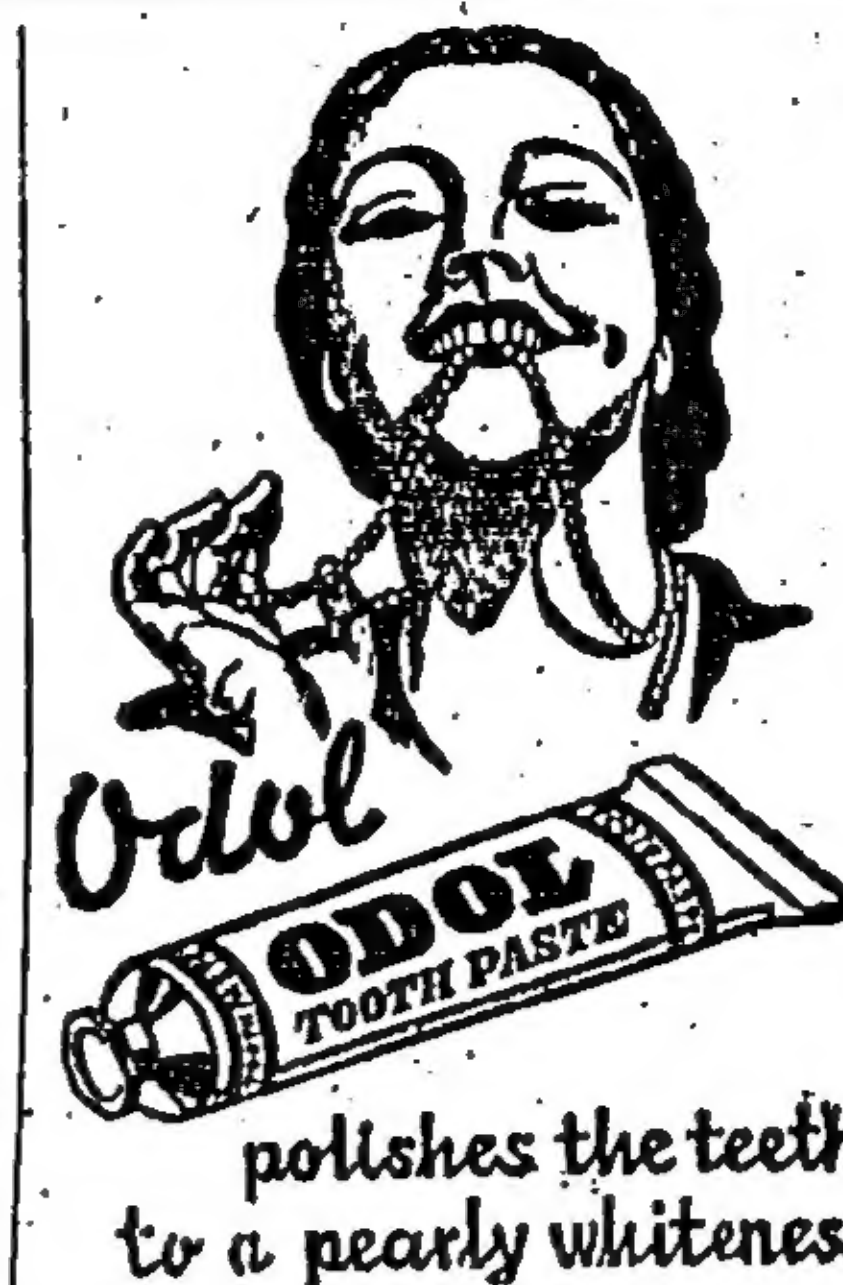
THE trump card in the hand you hold, all during these dreary days, is that you're making of yourself a gallant lady, without any attempt at drama. This in itself is the factor that will count most in bringing back your husband.

Infatuation wears off, you know. If you literally leave your husband and this other woman together, often enough and long enough, they are likely to solve this problem for you.

Whether you receive him like the prodigal son will depend entirely upon his temperament; usually it's better to make no fuss at all.

Now, if ever, can you afford to be generous. You fought your battle all by yourself. And you won. You have your man.

These articles are taken from the book "Get your man—and keep him" by Annie Hirst, published by Duckworth.



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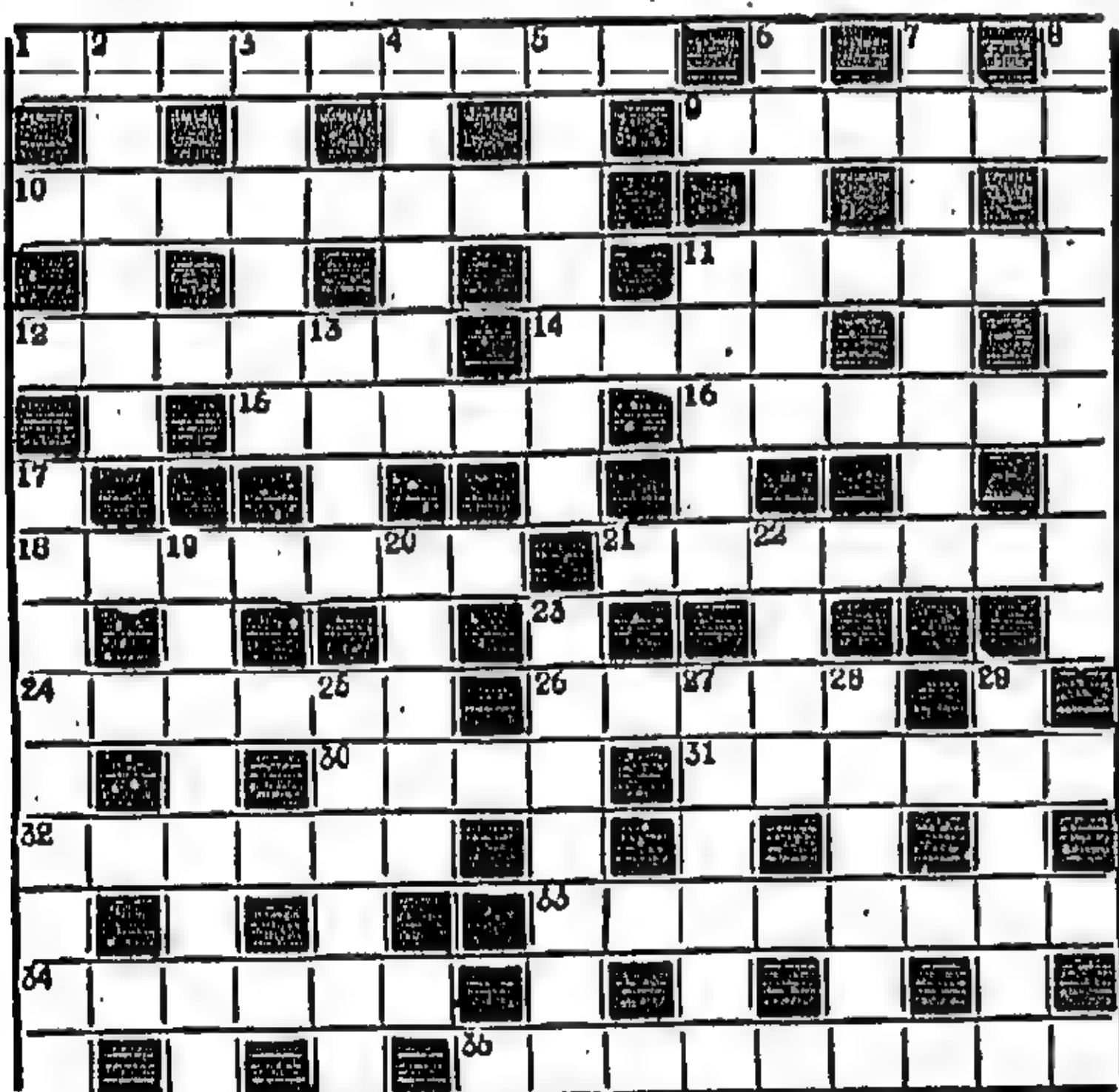
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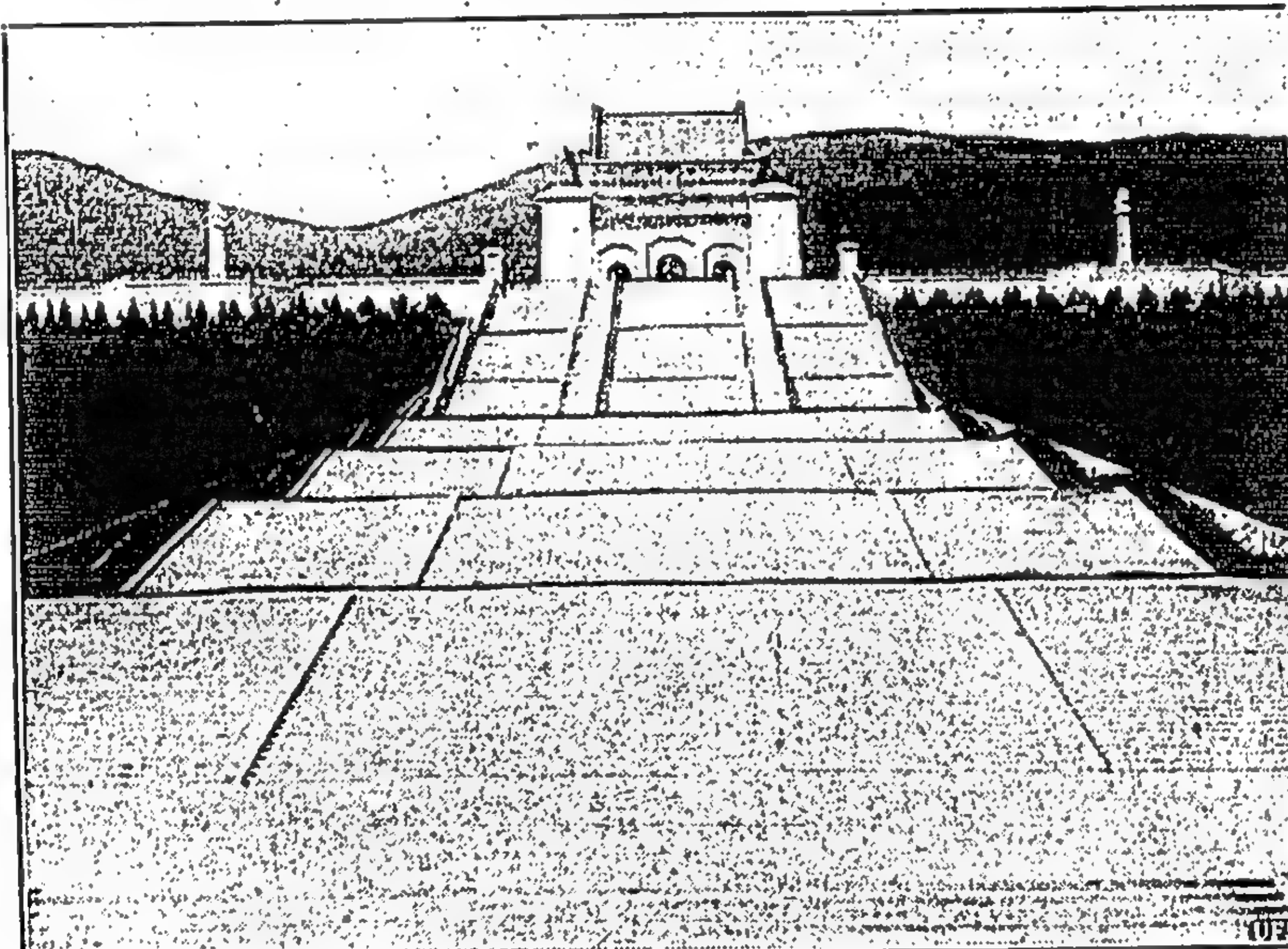
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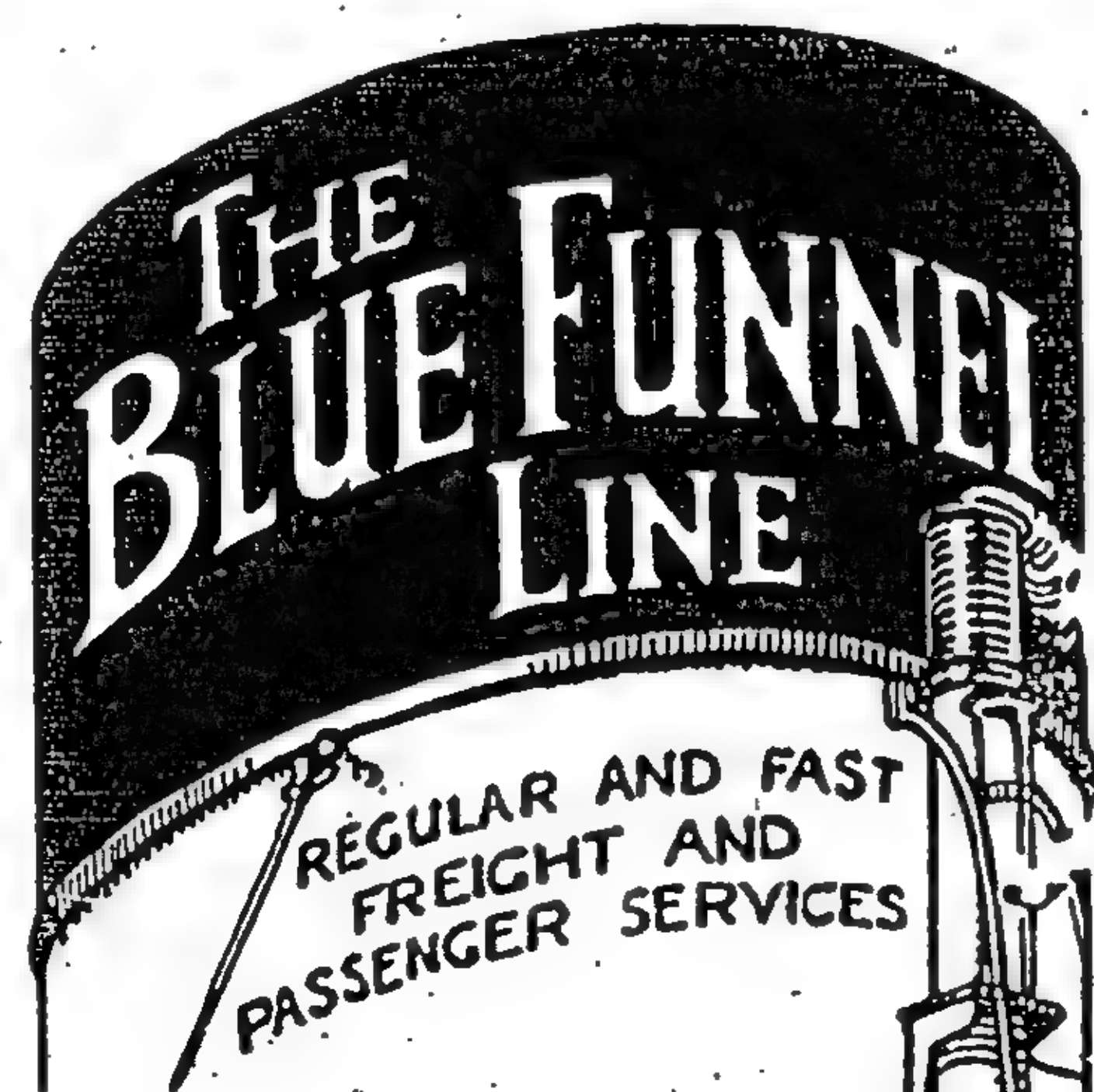
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New York, Jan. 1.

The largest flying boat ever to be constructed in the United States, recently lifted its 63,000 pounds into the air in the first of a series of test flights.

The giant plane, designed and built by Glenn L. Martin, pioneer airplane designer and builder, is destined for service in Soviet Russia. It was built in Martin's Middle River, Maryland, plant. After completing twenty-five hours of flying tests it was to be dismantled, crated and shipped to Russia. Soviet officials have given no indication of what they will use it for.

Powered by four 1,000-horsepower radial engines of the latest design set into the leading edge of 157-foot wing, the ship has a non-stop flying range of 4,500 miles, 1,000 miles greater than the flying distance from New York to London.

Horn Player Loses Libel Suit

Wrote the music critic of the Birmingham Gazette after a performance of Beethoven's Symphony in D: "Leslie Heward (the conductor) must have felt like hurling his baton at the horn player at the end of the second movement. That would have been right, too."

George Henry Francis, Bristol Road, Birmingham, principal horn player in the orchestra, sued the paper, claiming damages for alleged libel. The criticism was described as a "bald and particularly brutal statement of fact," that he played "abominably badly."

At Birmingham Assizes, after Mr. Justice Fintlay had commented, "We have spent a not unamusing morning," judgment was given for defendants with costs.

EUROPEAN PRESTIGE WANES IN EAST

San Francisco.

Prestige of the white man in the Far East is on the decline; Japan will not hesitate to strike at an independent Philippines; Japan's programme of territorial expansion embraces the Dutch East Indies.

These are the opinions of Captain G. M. Stocker, veteran master mariner, here on an indefinite leave of absence from his duties as Swatow harbour pilot.

"No matter who eventually wins the war in the Far East, the white man is loser," Capt. Stocker said. "The Chinese resent the lack of assistance they had hoped for; the Japanese are able to progress without his aid."

Capt. Stocker, who as a sailor aboard the old U.S.S. Baltimore helped ram home the shells that aided in the victory of Dewey at Manila Bay, said he was literally forced to leave Swatow "because my duties as a bar pilot practically ceased as there were no arriving or departing ships needing the services of a bar pilot."

Discussing the Philippines, he predicted Japanese aggressiveness would extend into that island nation as soon as the last bond between the commonwealth and the United States is severed. He said also that it was the consensus of opinion among foreigners in the Far East that Nippon's expansion activities will eventually embrace the Dutch East Indies.

Old-timers in the Far East believe the current Japanese campaign in China is a result of the Tokyo government's desire to create a puppet state of the neighbouring republic, with a status similar to that of Manchukuo, Stocker said.

The veteran seaman has been bar pilot at Swatow for the past 20 years. Before settling down there, he sailed as a master of Chinese coastal vessels and freight and passenger steamers, plying between Japan, China and the Philippines, and around the Dutch East Indies and Suez.

Accompanied by his wife and three of their six children, Cynthia, 18; Garth, 15; and Roger, 13; Capt. Stocker is visiting relatives at Seaview, Chai, near Camarero. He has no plans for a return to China in the immediate future.—United Press.

Although the Russian clipper, as the new creation was named, dwarfs the clipper planes now flying the Pacific Ocean from San Francisco, California to Manila, Philippine Islands, and the Caribbean routes to South America, it is but the experimental forerunner of an even larger craft.

When final tests are completed, Martin expects to begin work on another, with a gross weight of 118,000 pounds, which may be used in the projected trans-Atlantic service.

The design of the new ship incorporates many technological advances achieved in Martin's construction of huge military bombing planes and transports for the United States Army and Pan-American Airways.

Although the new ship weighs only 11,000 pounds more than Martin's Pan-American clippers operating to South America, its pay load will be 10,000 pounds—4,500 pounds greater.

Luxuriously equipped, the plane can carry forty-six passengers in addition to its crew in daylight flights. Besides individual sleeper accommodations for twenty-six passengers, the plane will have individual wash rooms for men and women passengers, deluxe lounges where the passengers can spend their waking hours, and a galley where hot meals can be prepared while the plane is in flight.—United Press.

SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with the Hongkong Radio Station: Sagres, Achilles, Apoc, Foching, Shabonee, Peetun, Haldis, Adrastus, Sophie, Rickmers, Susana, Salsang, Empress Of Japan, Shinkyo Maru, Taiyuan, Yungheung, Fernia, Norviken, Shun-tien, President Coolidge.

STOP PRESS

CABINET SURVIVES

Paris, Jan. 14.
The Chateaux Cabinet has survived the crisis.—Reuter.

DON'T MARRY, ADVICE TO CLERGY

REDUCING COST OF MISSION WORK

Voluntary celibacy on the part of newly-ordained Anglican clergy is advocated in a memorial submitted to the Archbishops of Canterbury, York and Wales, Dr. Lang, Dr. Temple and Dr. Green.

It is signed by Mr. Athelstan Riley, Chairman of the Anglican and Eastern Church Association; Lord Hugh Cecil, Provost of Eton; Viscount Wolmer, M.P.; Dr. Edwyn Bevan, the archaeologist and Hellenist; Viscount Sankey, the former Lord Chancellor, and Viscount Halifax, Lord President of the Council.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, acknowledging the memorial, writes: "We fully realise the importance of the proposal and are agreed in thinking that such a scheme might be of real value."

The memorial points out that the clergy are being recruited from a different social class from that of former years. Though the signatories add that this is in many ways a great gain, they remark that it is encouraging what needs to be avoided.

"For this class is accustomed to early marriages and the young women are particularly attracted to the social position hitherto attained by the wife of a clergyman. It is a matter of common knowledge that after ordination many clergymen marry to escape from the social problems that often worry a marriageable man."

THE WRONG REMEDY

The memorial deals with the changes in the social aspects of country districts. Fewer sons of the wealthier classes are being ordained, it is stated; fewer ordinands have any private means. Filling country livings becomes increasingly difficult. The remedy at present sought is the amalgamation of benefices, very unpopular in the parishes. This, says the memorial, is surely wrong. The remedy is for the priest to live not in the big glebe house but in a cottage like his humble parishioners.

They point out how grouping of parishes with a common centre is now rendered easy by the development of rapid transport. This experiment can only be attempted if there is a larger proportion of unmarried clergy available with some guarantee of their permanence.

BURDEN ON MISSIONS

The signatories also point out disadvantages to missionary work of the married clergy, such as "the enormous expenditure involved in the increase of salary on marriage, an increase for each child born, passage money home, the education of children, and pensions to widows."

Some of the Bishops are already endeavouring to obtain from their ordinands a promise not to consider marriage for a period generally put at five years. On this effort the signatories wish to build.

"It is evident," they say, "that what is needed is not so much a retarded matrimony as the general building up of a body of unmarried clergy on which bishops and missionary societies can rely."

They suggest that the attention of ordinands in theological colleges should be called to the great need for unmarried clergy, and that they should be invited to consider whether they may not have a true vocation to remain unmarried.

"If any man should respond to this invitation he should be asked to undertake that he will not marry for five years after ordination, except with the consent of the bishop in whose diocese he is at work. At the end of five years he would resume his freedom to embrace either the vocation of marriage or that of celibacy. It is by this means, without any violent change, that the gradual evolution of the body of unmarried clergy is contemplated."

COMMISSION'S INQUIRY

The signatories to the memorial are all laymen. They have especially confined themselves, in large measure, to the financial side of the question. They state that they are not putting forth their opinions, but relying on the evidence of principals of the chief theological colleges and institutions concerned with the preparation of candidates for Holy Orders.

Dr. Lang states that he has referred the matter to the recently appointed Commission on the Selection, Testing and Training of Candidates for the Ministry. On behalf of himself and the other two archbishops, he adds: "We have no doubt that the Commission will give the matter the attention which it deserves and will make comments on it in their report, or in a separate reply to us."

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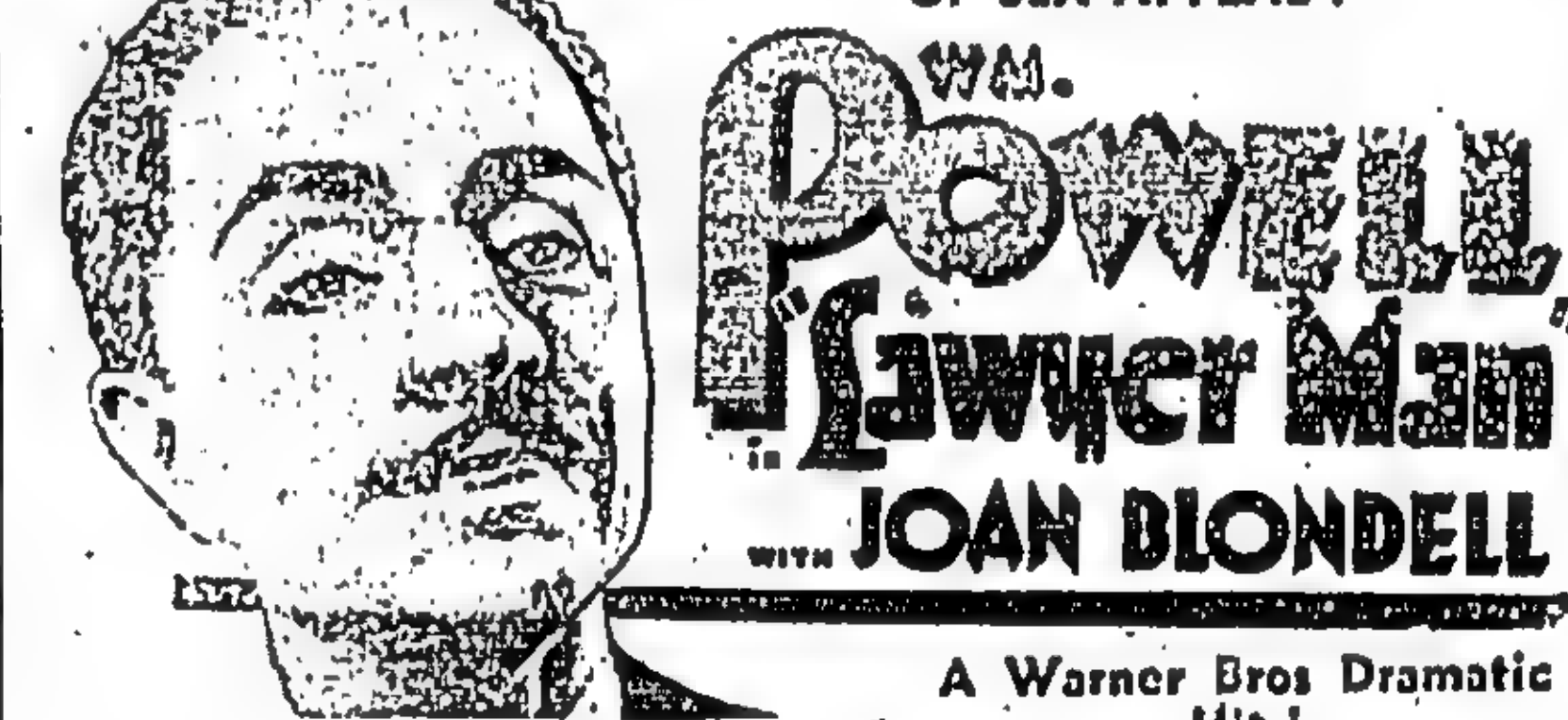
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INNOCENT MAN'S £1,000 DAMAGES
LABELLED 10½ YEARS AFTER ACQUITTAL
LORD HEWART ON HARMFUL WORDS

Damages of £1,000 for libel with costs were awarded in the King's Bench Division to Alfonso Francis Austin Smith, who was acquitted at Maidstone Assizes ten and a half years ago of a charge of murdering a man named Derham in a bungalow called "Stella Maris," at Tankerton, Kent.

The defendants were Everybody's Publications, of Fleet-Street, E.C., proprietors and printers of Everybody's Weekly. The case came before the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Hewart and a special jury. Mr. Smith, whose address was given as Walnut Tree-road, Heston, Middlesex, alleged that on April 24 Everybody's Weekly contained an article purporting to recall the incident at "Stella Maris" and the trial. The article was illustrated by two sketches, one depicting a struggle and the other representing his wife, with the words underneath: "Endeavoured to pull them apart."

He said that the article and sketches conveyed the meaning that he had attacked Derham with felonious intent and that his acquittal was not because of his innocence, but the result of the eloquence of his counsel, the late Sir Edward Marshall Hall, K.C.

Mr. Smith's defence at his trial was that during a struggle with Derham a revolver went off accidentally. Everybody's Publications denied that the words and sketches were capable of a defamatory meaning and pleaded that the article contained a fair and accurate report of judicial proceedings, and was fair comment.

QUESTION ALREADY ANSWERED
In his summing-up Lord Hewart said it would be difficult to imagine words more likely to bring a man into hatred than words which accused him of murder.

What could possibly be more injurious to the plaintiff than the suggestion, notwithstanding the verdict of the jury, that it was no accident, but that the plaintiff really did intend to use the revolver and did use it upon the dead man?

Ten years ago or more one of the questions before the jury was: "Was it an accident?" Was it or was it not a totally different thing 10½ years afterwards to ask the same question? The jury had answered that question in November, 1926.

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LEADING LADY

in silk, satin
muslin—or wool?

THE emotions being involved, fur usually flies over the choice of a wedding dress. This is because: (a) There's more in it than meets the eye. "The veiled victim" is how unkind cynics often describe the all-white bride. (b) Sisters, mothers, cousins and aunts tend to forget that, after all, it's not their wedding. (c) The bride wants her own way, but is often not clear what her own way is.

Thus, in order to put her case clearly to hysterical relatives, she may well assemble the following relevant facts for and against a traditional white wedding.

FOR TRADITION

An essential part of the ritual is that the bride should wear white. If she does not, why be married in church at all?

When a girl gets married, she doesn't want to draw attention to herself by being very unconventional in her choice of wedding dress; after all, the outward form of marriage ceremony is in itself conventional: why not observe it?

And the relatives will be so upset not to see dear Julie in white: why not for one day agree to be a victim to family pride? Does it matter so much either way?

AGAINST

The essentials of the ceremony are not in any way affected by what you wear. You are just as well and truly married in a plain suit as in a cloud of tulle.

That being so, there is no reason at all why white is better than any other colour.

As for the relatives, it's not their wedding, however much they may think so. And the bride who begins by playing juvenile lead instead of leading lady at her own wedding may continue in that minor role all her life.

COMPROMISE

What will happen in the end is that there will be a compromise. Julie, having sworn to be married at 8 o'clock in the morning with no fuss and wearing a suit, will finally consent to have a white frock, though not necessarily one "cut on classic lines."

After all, it is true that an over-romantic wedding dress is perhaps a little "stagey." There could be nothing lovelier than the traditional type of creamy satin bride's frock, like this one, sketched at the left, made by Tintling for Lady Winifred Cecil. It is a dress that accentuates dignity and simplicity: a good lead to follow for any bride.

On the other hand, coloured wedding dresses, or dresses of unusual cut, are being worn. Many of the great houses show misty blue, or dove grey, or silvered rose wedding dresses. And Tintling (who has always been a champion of the bride, and fights many battles against adamant relatives, so that she can have exactly what she wants) is making a gold dress for one beautiful dark girl. And she will carry red roses. But she will be veiled from head to foot in gold net. A lovely idea for an unusual exotic sort of person.

Motley made recently a wedding dress of peach damask, and another of palest butter yellow moire: so colour has really come to stay.

WOOL

If colour is a stumbling block, one can choose to be unconventional in choice of fabric. Motley, being a firm of young theatrical designers who know about clothes in relation to their setting, use a great deal of wool and cotton for wedding dresses.

White face-cloth, for example, falls into beautiful folds, and has the dramatic quality very necessary for a dress which is viewed from a distance.

One of their loveliest dresses was of white face-cloth cut on very flared princess lines, with pinked edges. A hot idea for the cold weather bride! With white director suits the bridesmaids carried bunches of cut felt flowers in autumn colours.

COTTON

The bride who can't afford to spend a frightful lot on her dress will like the modern feeling for cottons.

Our second sketch shows Motley's romantic young bride's dress of white lisse, with cotton bobbles from a white curtain fringe sewn all over it.

And, believe it or not, the bridesmaids' dresses were made of old-fashioned striped curtain muslin, with skirts in full sail, tiny, tiny bodices and sleeves, and high waistline sashed with lime yellow felt. Wide leghorn hats wreathed in pink and yellow felt flowers completed the delicious rustic flavour of this wedding cortege.

COMBINING whiteness and brightness: fluffy cotton dots on a transparent lisse dress by Motley.



Are You A Cruel-to-be-Kind Mother?

YOU often hear the phrase used when a child has been punished for something or other, "Sometimes you must be cruel to be kind, you must educate her. And now, she knows!" This is perfectly true, and leaves me like this! What can have as it should be. The great trouble with so many modern parents today is that they alter the process—they are cruel by being kind!

The other day I had the painful experience of listening to the woes of a mother whose only child—a daughter—had just left home.

Her mother had, it seemed, taken exception to the friendships she had formed, and the daughter had said, "Very well, mother, if you choose to take things like that..." And the next morning she had packed her things and gone!

"She went," the mother told me "without a thought for me at all! So far as she is concerned I don't seem to exist now. And this is my reward for a lifetime of care and devotion. Ever since she was born I have slaved and sacrificed for her. She has never had to wait for anything essential in her whole life."

Sacrifice All Along the Line

"I have always seen that she had nice, pretty clothes. I have given up my own amusements, neglected my own friends for her sake. I have always stood between her and the trouble; have never let her face the ugly things in life. I have sacrificed myself gladly and uncomplainingly—she has never been given any idea of the struggle it has been to rear and educate her. And now, she leaves me like this! What can have made her do it—what can have turned her from the dear child who was into the selfish, heartless girl she has become?"

The mother was sincere, but she had no idea that she had actually answered her own question. She, and none other, had made her daughter "selfish and heartless." She had never realised the truth of that old adage "An unselfish mother makes a selfish child."

Had I told her (as I was tempted to do) that what had happened was her own fault, and that instead of being the perfect mother she imagined herself to be, she had actually been a cruel parent, she would have been amazed and shocked.

She had deliberately kept "the hard and ugly facts of life" away from the girl. She had made her life easy in every respect and never let her dream that one day a time would come when she would no longer have a mother to fetch and carry for her. She had deliberately set herself in the background as a creature of no importance, and given the child the idea that she and she alone, was the centre of the domestic universe. And now she had reaped her just reward.

But the cruelly lay in the fact that now her daughter had started life on her own, and what a terrible awakening lay before her!

This was the fault of the devoted mother, not the "selfish child."

Parents' Most Common Mistake

Perhaps the most common, and certainly the most dangerous, of all the mistakes made by the short-sighted parent is this business of "protecting" and "sheltering" the child. And this applies more particularly if it happens to be an only child.

The business of bringing up a child entails, or should entail, infinitely more than merely seeing that its health is good and that its physical needs are met. The first and most urgent duty laid upon a parent is to prepare the child for facing life, for making his own way in the world.

The first lesson any child should learn is the lesson of "give-and-take." You will make sacrifices for it, that is quite right, it is your duty to do so.

Most conscientious parents labour under a sort of superstition that it is their duty to give all for their children and to exact nothing in return, and for this dangerous folly their excuse is that a child "is only young once."

The mistake lies in failing to way is not being kind to them; it is realise that the main business of a being cruel. Some mothers delight in making child is not just to enjoy itself and have a good time (though that is an essential in reasonable moderation), but to learn to be old. And to re- tending themselves and not actually sheltering them in every possible Christine Ferrier.

The lovely traditional wedding dress which Lady Winifred Cecil, Lady in Waiting to the Duchess of Gloucester, wore for her marriage to Lord Hotham on December 16. Tintling made it of magnolia white satin, with lines converging to a shirred chou of the same fabric, setting for a huge flower spray of family diamonds.

Joan Beringer's Fifteen Minutes for Beauty

3. MANICURE

THIS is your third-day treatment—first was on Wednesday, second yesterday. Cut this out round the dotted line and paste it on cardboard. Then hang it up somewhere convenient for future reference.

You will need:—

A bowl of soapy water and a towel.—Polish remover.—Cuticle softener and nail cleanser.—Varnish and enamel polish or powder.—Cuticle cream or oil.—Emery board.—Orange stick.—Cottonwool.—Buffer.

Don't Forget

- That unless your hands are long and thin you cannot wear dark polishes.
- That if the fingers are short, nails must be filed to almond shape and varnish applied from cuticle to tip, but not quite to sides of nail.
- If the nails are too large for beauty, nearest line uncoloured should be left right round—sides, tips half-moons.

BEGIN your manicure by removing every trace of old polish.

With the rough side of an emery board, file the nails, not too closely, from sides to centre. Work out the rough edges from beneath the nail with an orange stick, and finish off until perfectly smooth with the other side of the emery board.

Dip fingers in bowl of warm, soapy water, and leave for two minutes. Dry well. Wrap cottonwool round orange stick, dip in cuticle remover and press back cuticle. Don't break cuticle or bruise nail. Cleanse beneath the tips with this liquid.

Now for an expert touch which many women omit, but which will make all the difference to the sparkle of your varnish. Apply an enamel polish and buff really well before applying your varnish.

Varnish must go on swiftly, evenly, in direct strokes from cuticle to tip. Never use enough varnish on the brush to do with nails at once. Rest and relax while your finger tips dry. Then a final touch of the enamel polish, rub them up again with a silk handkerchief over the palm of the other hand. The warmth gives a wonderful lustre.

Now, and not before, just touch the cuticles with cuticle oil to keep them supple... and you have beauty at your finger tips.

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Neighbours Gossip Leads To Gruesome Discovery In Utah

MARRIED FORMER HUSBAND'S SLAYER

Divorced From Man Who Was Murdered

St. George, Utah, Jan. 1. Mrs. Charles Bosshard recently learned the truth about her two husbands: her first husband was slain and buried in an abandoned well near her home and for two years she has been married to the man who killed him.

She thought Spencer Malan deserted her nearly three years ago, leaving her on their sheep ranch with a son, 8 years old. Malan often had threatened to go away when he was angry. So it was with bitterness in her heart that she had a court give her a divorce from a man who was dead. Soon after she married Bosshard, who was very kind to her and the boy after Malan disappeared.

ADMIT SLAYING

Her brother, George Schaeffer, knew all the time what happened to Malan. He helped Bosshard carry the body to the well. Both Bosshard and Schaeffer have now admitted the slaying and were recently arraigned on a charge of murder.

It happened on the night of March 17, 1935, after a dance and drinking party that ended at the Malan ranch house. There was a fight, the kind of a fight that might start anywhere when men are drinking. Schaeffer said in his confession. The fact that it happened out on an isolated ranch enabled them to dispose of Malan's body and keep his death a secret for so long.

This was Schaeffer's story: "When we got home after the dance, Penny (Malan's) Eva (Mrs. Malan) and I went inside and Bosshard went to get his horse so he could ride out to his sheep camp. Penny went out and pretty soon Bosshard asked me to come out.

"GUESS I KILLED HIM" "He said Malan had attacked him while he was getting his horse. 'I guess I've killed him, I don't know,' he told me. I said we ought to tell the authorities, but we didn't. We loaded the body in my car and put it in a well."

How had they been able to keep it a secret? Sheriff Antonio B. Prince asked.

"The reason I kept it a secret was that I helped put the body away and that has been troubling me ever since," Schaeffer replied.

He said he had not even told either of his two former wives or his present wife about it, "because the nearest of them lived so far away, and they had heard the talk about Malan threatening to run away, and assumed he had done so."

WIFE CONVINCED

So Bosshard and the brother-in-law convinced Mrs. Malan that her husband had deserted her, and all three of them spread that word among the neighbours, Schaeffer said.

The question remained as to who finally did reveal the truth. Sheriff Prince would only say that he had heard "rumours," and that he questioned Bosshard and got a confession.

Schaeffer said he "didn't talk, and would like to know who did." It wasn't Bosshard, he was certain, and nobody else was supposed to know about it.

The only solution seemed to be that the neighbours' gossip had been spread around until it developed into a suspicion, and that the sheriff had nothing more than that to work on.

Bosshard took the sheriff to the well where they had thrown the body, but it had caved in and the body wasn't found.

Bosshard said that he married Mrs. Malan because he felt a sense of responsibility for her and the child. He is 25 and she is several years his senior.—United Press.

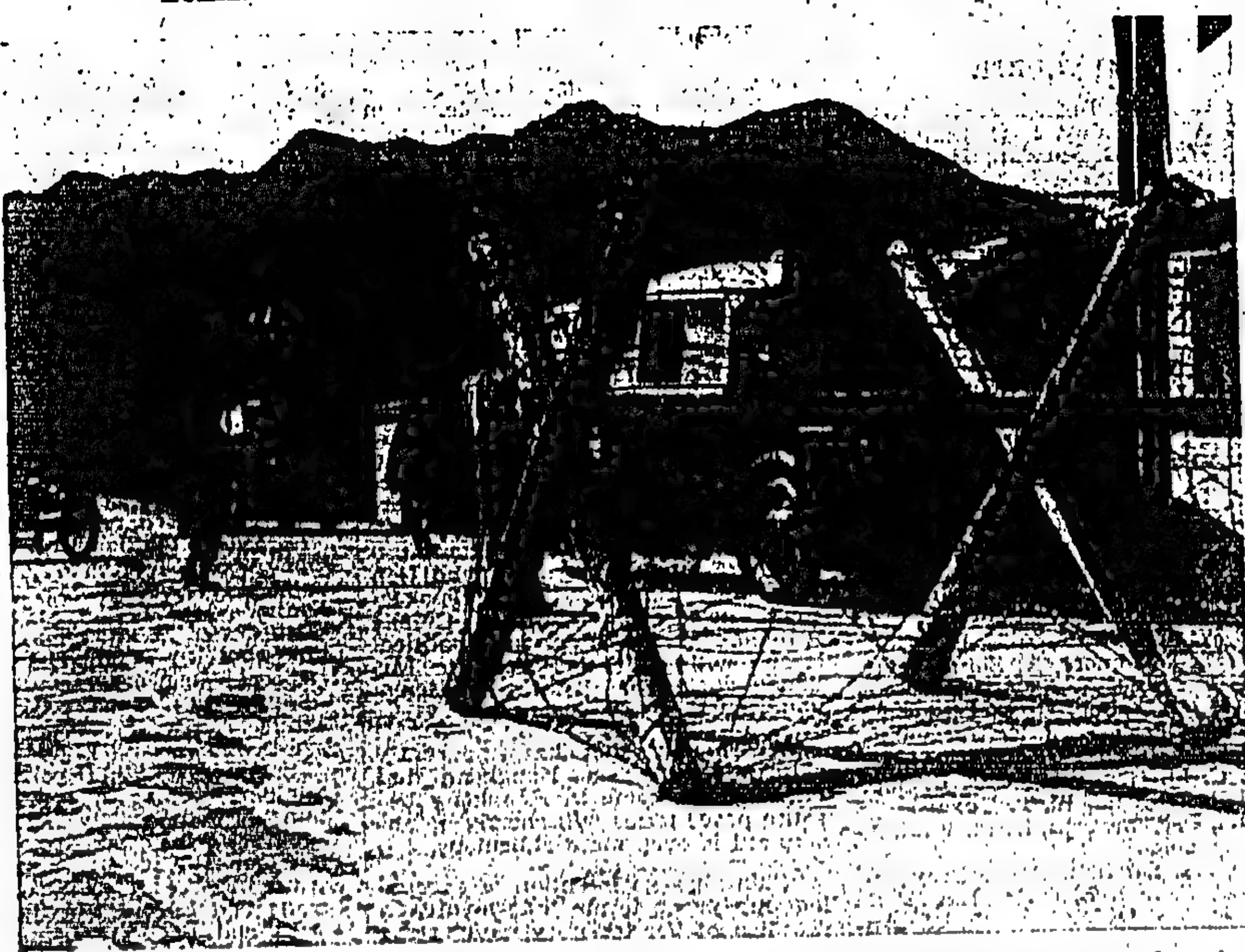
2,170 DIED

Albany, N. Y. The Motor Vehicle Bureau announced recently that 2,170 persons were killed in New York State in highway accidents from January 1 to September 30.

An accident occurred every six and a half minutes with a death every three hours, statisticians reported. Accidents numbered 60,181 in which 70,262 persons were injured.

The accident and death total showed an increase of 324 deaths, 4,350 accidents and 6,310 injuries over the same period of 1936.—United Press.

READY FOR BORDER REFUGEES



BARBED-WIRE ENTANGLEMENTS at Shataukok, on the Hongkong-Kwangtung frontier. Barricades have been erected at frontier outposts to deal with the refugee problem should it arise.

KINGSFORD-SMITH LEFT EPIC TALE OF FLIGHTS

Air Adventures Across World

WASHINGTON, JAN. 1.

SIR CHARLES KINGSFORD-SMITH, LOST IN THE BENGAL SEA, LEFT TO POSTERITY AN EPIC STORY OF THE MAGNIFICENT AIR ADVENTURES IN THE PACIFIC, ATLANTIC, AND TASMAN SEA WHICH IN HIS LIFE-TIME BROUGHT UNIVERSAL ACCLAIM.

"My Flying Life" the story of his adventures is described as "an authentic biography prepared under the personal supervision of and from the diaries and papers of the late Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith." It will take immediate rank with Lindbergh's "We," Byrd's "Skyward" and Amelia Earhart's "Last Flight" among the great personal narratives of the heroic period in trans-oceanic air travel.

Kingsford-Smith, after his successful trans-Pacific and trans-Atlantic flights in the "Southern Cross" was often hailed as "the world's greatest airman." In the papers now published he deprecated the phrase, saying that he regarded himself "purely as a long-distance flier." He pointed out that in these days aviation is a highly specialised profession with many branches of activity.

"In each and every field there are men—and women—who excel, and to my mind such a phrase as the 'world's greatest airman' is too comprehensive a term to apply to any one individual," he said.

Despite this modest disclaimer, Kingsford-Smith's unvarnished narrative of his twenty or more long-distance flights left for his readers an impression of tremendous accomplishment, of high courage, and of a generous personal character worthy of any title.

ANTI-CLIMAX

There was some strange undertone in Kingsford-Smith's career, which repeatedly led him to the heights of fame and acclaim, to be followed by anti-climaxes of financial strain, public reaction, and passing misadventure. Even after he was knighted by the King of England, there were intervals when he had to cruise about the country, taking up people for first air-rides in order to meet his financial obligations.

Perhaps for this reason, Kingsford-Smith's narrative is interspersed with gratitude for favours rendered, not the least being the timely financial aid of Captain G. Allen Hancock at the time when the trip of the "Southern Cross" to Hawaii-Fiji-Australia was weighing in the balance.

"He suddenly asked us how much money we needed to solve our dilemma," the story said. "We told him—£3,200. There was silence for a moment. Then he spoke:

"'I'll buy the machine from you, boys,' he said. 'I'll see my solicitors and decide the best way to do it.'"

"WE WERE OVERJOYED"

"We were overjoyed! The great flight was at once brought closer to us. It was no longer an impossible dream, and all our labours had not been in vain."

To a wondering world Kingsford-Smith's swift and hazardous flights were a matter of headlines, suspense, and drama, but in his own mind there was a more orderly formula which explained his success up to that day when fate struck him down.

"My conception of a record flight is of a programme properly prepared beforehand, which is accomplished by schedule and without incident," he wrote. "The perfection of the long-distance airman's art—and craft—lies in the ability to reel off great distances day after day according to

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INDIA AND THE FAR EAST

Calcutta.

The possible repercussions of the situation in the Far East on India are the subject of a warning to his fellow-countrymen by Mr. S. V. Savarkar, the veteran Nationalist.

Mr. Savarkar appealed to Indians to devote more time to international politics. He saw in the threatened capture of Nanking an ominous sign that might affect the destiny of India.

Japan had cast a shadow over India. If the present pace of the aggressor were continued, he would not be surprised if there were one day a setting up of Japanese power in India.

Viceroy's Tour.—The Marquess of Linlithgow, the Viceroy, and the Marchioness of Linlithgow, left New Delhi to-day for Calcutta, where they will remain until Jan. 3. They are then going to Madras and Hyderabad, returning to New Delhi at the end of January.

SOUTH AFRICA

KENYA RIOT INQUIRY FINDINGS

Cape Town.

It is learned from Nairobi, Kenya, that a magistrate's inquiry has found that native guards were justified in firing during the rioting at the camp of Italian Eritrean deserters at Isiole on Nov. 13. The rioting broke out at a football match between the Eritreans and their guards. Nine natives were killed.

The magistrate stated that by the action of the guards heavier loss of life and damage to property was avoided. It is pointed out, however, that as the camp commandant was absent, and the officer in charge, an African sergeant-major, did not arrive till after the firing began, there was no proper person in control of the guards.

The magistrate says that the deserters "saw red," and he comments that the fact that the men were penned in camp for a long period without an adequate outlet for their energies was likely to cause such disturbances.

It was revealed in the inquiry that rounds were fired from a Lewis gun. The magistrate finds no individual guilty of any offence.

Public School Defended.—Defending Public Schools against criticism in recent years, the Rev. S. H. Clarke, headmaster of St. John's College, Johannesburg, said yesterday: "When all criticisms have been made, it still remains true that the English Public Schools have succeeded in producing men with unwavering loyalty to ideals and dogged determination on the execution of their duty."

A Unique Collection.—Efforts are being made to acquire for the nation the Elliott collection of 5,000 irreplacable negatives of the whole period of South African history. The movement is being sponsored by the Historical Monuments Commission.

Royal Titles May Disappear

THERE MAY BE A "MR. WINDSOR"

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Certain junior members of the Royal Family within a generation or two will have no titles, but, under the present rules relating to royal titles, will be called Mr. or Miss Windsor.

This fact has emerged from a study of King George V's ruling in 1917 on Royal Titles, which confined the title "Royal Highness" thenceforth to children and grandchildren of the Sovereign.

The Duke of Kent's son, Prince Edward, will succeed eventually to his father's Dukedom and his son in turn will bear the ordinary designations of the sons of a Duke.

But if the Duke of Kent has a second son who in turn has children, these great-grandchildren of King George V. will be Mr. or Miss Windsor.

CHANGES IN PRECEDENCE

More changes in the order of precedence took place in the last two years than ever before in so short a time. In the 17 months from January, 1936, to May, 1937, there were two accessions, an abdication and a Coronation, the latter accompanied by the bestowal of a large number of honours.

All these changes are summarised in the 1938 (Coronation Honours) Edition of Burke's Peerage, Baronage and Knightage. This is the first completely revised edition to be published since the death of King George V., and the table of relative rank, and precedence, has had to be drastically changed.

Among the alterations affecting precedence in the Royal family "Burke" points out that, while the Duke of Windsor now takes precedence as a member of the Royal family, the Duchess of Windsor ranks as the last of 20th Duchesses in order of creation.

FIRST AND LAST HOLDERS

In 1937 seven peerages became extinct. Six—those of Viscount Snowden, Lord Kilsnane, Lord Ernle, Lord Glenravel, Lord Islington and Lord Ruthven—were new creations, and so these peers were the first and last holders of their titles.

The seventh was the peerage of Lord Castletown, the second baron. Among the historical curiosities in "Burke" is that, of the three ways in which a peerage can be held—by tenure, writ or letters patent—only one still survives by right of tenure.

This is the Earldom of Arundel, held by the Duke of Norfolk as owner of Arundel Castle.

By Act of Parliament passed in the reign of Charles I., this title belongs by right to the owner of Arundel. If the historic castle were ever sold, its buyer would automatically become an earl of high precedence in the official roll of peers.

DARING SURGERY IN MINE MAKES DOCTOR A HERO

Bulawayo, Rhodesia, Jan. 1.

An operation performed at great peril in the depths of a Rhodesian mine has won Dr. Robert Saunders the Edward Medal for gallantry.

When Howard Sheasby, 22, was trapped by the wrist by the fall of rock in the depths of the Homestead mine, near Selukwe, Southern Rhodesia, early this year, Dr. Saunders descended with a party which went to the rescue.

Throughout the night the rescue squads removed stones in an effort to free the wrist. Dr. Saunders remained beside Sheasby to sustain him. At last, it was decided that it was too dangerous to remove further rubble.

Then Dr. Saunders decided to amputate. Using a local anesthetic, he performed an operation to free Sheasby's arm. The operation was carried out against time and with over-present danger. It was successful and Sheasby, who was conscious throughout the ordeal, was saved.

JILTED MAN SILENT FOR 50 YEARS

New York.

"Silent Bill" Perry, aged 70 years, of Audubon (Iowa), observed to-day without a word the 50th anniversary of the day his fiancée jilted him for another man.

When Perry was left at the altar in 1837, he vowed that he would never utter a word until the girl returned to him. He still hopes for a reconciliation.

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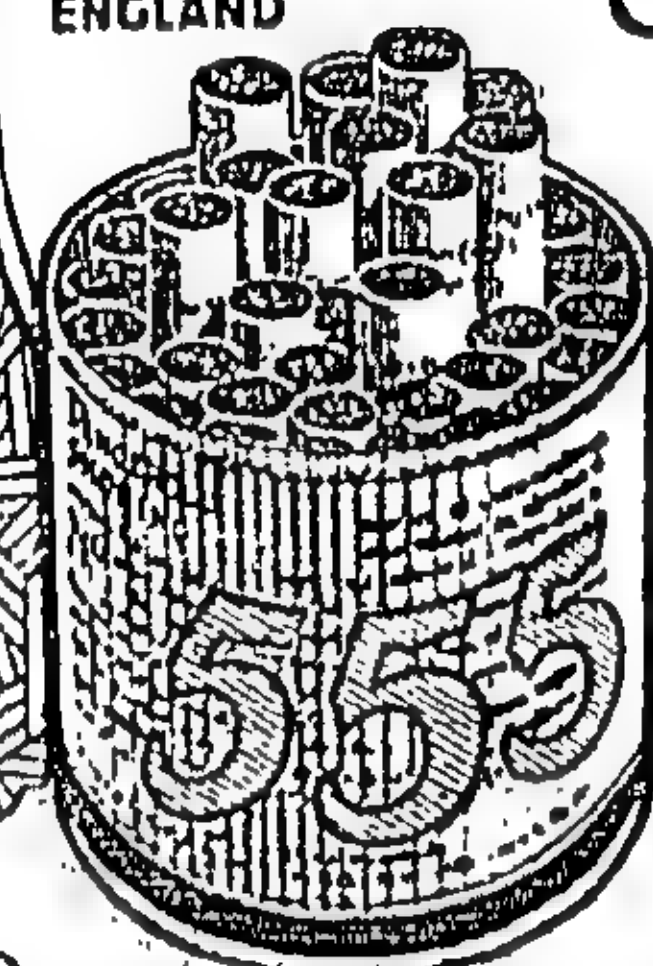
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SHARE PRICES

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Chartered Bank, £124 1/2 n.	Mercantile Bank, A. and B., £20 n.
Mercantile Bank, C., £14 n.	East Asia Bank, \$92 n.
Canton Ind., \$270 n.	Union Ind., \$510 n.
China Underwriters, \$150 n.	H.K. Fire Ins., £235 n.
Douglas, \$52 b.	H.K. Steamboats, \$9.00 b.
Indo-China (Prof.), \$51 n.	Indo-China (Def.), \$43 n.
Shui Bun, 99 3/4 n.	Union Waterworks, \$9.30 n.
H.K. & Wharves, \$114 n.	H.K. & W. Docks, \$274 b.
Providents (old), \$200 b.	Providents (new), \$200 b.
New Engineering, Sh.—	Shanghai Docks, Sh.—
Kailan Mining Adm., 15/6 n.	Raub, \$8.10 n.
Venz, \$5.00 n.	Hongkong Mines 10 cts. n.
Philippine Mining	Antamok, P. 52 n.
Atoka, P. 24 n.	Bigio Gold, P. 10 n.
Bonquet Consul, P. 10.00 n.	Bonquet Explor., P. —
Big Wedge, P. —	Coco Grove, P. 33 n.
Consolidated Mines, P. 012	Demonstrations, P. 37 n.
E. Mindanao, P. —	Gumus C. Holdings, P. —
Ipa Gold, P. —	I.X.L., P. 04 n.
Itogons, P. —	Masbate Consols, P. —
Min. Resources, P. —	Northern Min., P. —
Panama Canal, P. 10 n.	Salcedo Mining, P. —
San Maurizio, P. 50 n.	Suyoc Consul, P. 17 1/2 n.
United Paracels, P. 47 1/2 n.	Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$5.20 b.	H.K. Lands, \$3 1/2 n.
H.K. Lands, 4 1/2 Deben, \$100 n.	Shui Lands, Sh.—
Metropolitan Lands, Sh.—	Humphries, \$9.00 b.
H.K. Rentals, \$4 1/2 n.	Chinese Estates, \$80 n.
China Rentals, Sh.—	China Deben, Sh.—
Public Utilities	H.K. Tramways, \$13.75 n.
Peak Trams (old), \$9 1/2 b.	Peak Trams (new), \$3 1/2 s.
Star Ferries \$80 b.	Yaumati-Ferries (old), \$21 s.
China Light (old), \$10.20 b.	China Light (new), \$7 1/4 n.
H.K. Electric, \$52 1/2 s.	Macao Electric, \$10 1/2 b.
Sundakin Lights, \$14 1/2 s.	Telephone (old), \$25.05 n.
Telephone (new), \$35.35 n.	China Buses, Sh.—
Singapore Traction, 23/8 n.	Singapore Pref., 23/8 n.
Industrials	Cald: Mack (old), Sh.—
Cald: Mack (new), Sh.—	Canton Ind., \$170 s.

MAINTAINS JAPAN
HAS NO FEAR OF
ANY WORLD POWER

Hankow, Jan. 14. Miss Agnes Smedley, an American who has been actively associated with the Chinese Communists for some time, spoke at yesterday's military press conference here and she gave a full account of the operations of the Eighth Route Army in north Shansi since the former Kds crossed the Yellow River on September 1.

Miss Smedley exhibited all kinds of documents, including confidential communications between the Japanese garrison headquarters at Tientsin and the Japanese General staff at Tokyo. One report from the Japanese garrison at Tientsin mentioned the dramatic activities "of one of our foreign spies" last July.

Another report from the Tientsin garrison headquarters mentioned that Japan's international environment, saying that Britain and the Soviet were not strong enough to challenge Japan, while there is nothing to worry about with the United States, who, though she pays the closest attention to the Far Eastern situation, never wishes to plunge into actual trouble with us.

Regarding foodstuffs and military supplies for the Eighth Route Army, Miss Smedley said that in the poor region of north Shansi it was difficult to secure enough food. "We had been depending chiefly on Japanese food, and once we captured 120 trucks of Japanese foodstuffs and enjoyed ourselves eating Japanese delicacies."

"EDUCATE" PRISONERS

She said the Eighth Route Army soldiers treat Japanese captives well, and often "educate" them first before sending them back. Many Japanese prisoners had said they were against war and one Japanese radio operator

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

The Sergeants' Mess, Royal Air Force Station, Kai Tak, will not accept responsibility for the accounts of any firms not authorised by the Commanding Officer.

OUR GUIDE
TO THE
CINEMAS

"Knight Without Armour" (King's Theatre, to-day).—At long last, this British picture has arrived in the Colony. Alexander Korda has obtained the services of Marlene Dietrich specially for this film in which she appears opposite Robert Donat. The result justifies the expense, for it is one of the best pictures turned out by a British studio.

"Fight For Your Lady" (Queen's Theatre, to-day).—Though the title may suggest it, this film is no one of continuous fighting, but contains many comical situations which do credit to comedians like Jack Oakie and Eric Rhodes. John Boles, Ida Lupino and Margot Graham are others in the cast.

"There Goes the Groom" (Alhambra Theatre, to-day).—A completely satisfying film of tangled loves, with Ann Southern, Burgess Meredith and Mary Boland in the leading roles. "Topper" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—Film fans are advised not to be misled by the title of this picture. It is one of the best pictures shown here in recent weeks and should not be missed. Constance Bennett, Cary Grant and Roland Young take chief acting honours.

"Lawyer Man" (Majestic Theatre, to-day).—Perhaps not quite up to the standard of the usual Bill Powell film, but a good one nevertheless. Joan Blondell is in support.

POPE'S LAMENT
FOR GERMAN
CHURCH

Rome, Jan. 13. In a speech to 60 bishops and 2,000 priests, His Holiness the Pope lamented the delicate Reich church situation. However his assertion that the difficulties were not hopeless led to the interpretation that this was an indirect invitation to Signor Benito Mussolini to continue mediation.—United Press.

Cement, \$12.70 n.	H.K. Ropes, \$3.75 b.
Stores, &c.	Dairy Farm, \$23 1/2 n.
Watsons \$4.70 b.	Lane Crawford's, \$8.00 n.
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FRENCH CABINET
SURVIVES CRISIS

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The speech was moderately applauded.—Reuter.

SOCIALISTS DECIDE
TO SUPPORT

Paris, Jan. 13. The socialists, by a vote of 78 to 30, decided to continue to support M. Chautemps' Government.—Reuter.

DECIDING FATE OF CABINET.

Paris, Jan. 14. The Chamber of Deputies re-met at 11.15 p.m. last night. It was expected the debate would decide the fate of the Government.

Postponement of the re-assembly of the Chamber was due to the Socialists and Communists holding lengthy private sessions in the course of which questions were sent to the Government with regard to the Cabinet's proposed measures.

Apparently these parties are still holding out for an exchange of control.

A deputation of the Left groups interviewed M. Camille Chautemps, after which it was stated that the Prime Minister might clarify his references to the disturbance of social order. It is expected that after M. Chautemps has broken again all the Popular Front members of the Chamber will meet and agree to a common resolution, failing which it is understood the Cabinet will meet, indicating the Government is considering resigning.—Reuter.

EARLY OUTLOOK GLOOMY

Paris, Jan. 13. The French Cabinet held an emergency session to-day lasting three and a half hours, at which the Governor of the Bank of France, M. Pierre Fournier, was present.

Afterwards it was announced that M. Camille Chautemps, the Prime Minister, would make a statement regarding the country's finances. Presumably this would be made after the closing of the money markets.

Pertinax, discussing the possible international effects of the French social and financial crisis in Le Matin, said they would defeat the efforts of the friends of France who were urging the maintenance of democracy, and might lead to British self-isolation. Furthermore they might drive the United States further away from international co-operation.—United Press.

BALANCED BUDGET
INDISPENSIBLE

Paris, Jan. 13. After the Cabinet meeting, M. Georges Bonnet, Finance Minister declared that the Government was unanimously rejecting exchange control, and regarded a balanced budget as being more than ever indispensable.

It is expected that M. Chautemps will announce to the Chamber that taxation yields are satisfactory and will urge the country to support the Cabinet's efforts to maintain social peace and proceed to financial recovery.

Denial that there was any real cause for panic in the financial situation was made by M. Camille Chautemps in a fighting speech to the Chamber. He said that financial situation in December was satisfactory, and barring accidents, was the one way to creating confidence.

The budget was balanced and the Treasury was able to meet all obligations in the present quinquennial year. There had been social agitation and systematic agitation for a General Strike which had aggravated the country's nerves. Fortunately those troubles were now appeased, and he categorically deny that in dealing with the strike, he was double-faced. He considered Labour has no conflicts with humane sentiments, but I do not countenance revolution in the public services against the nation.

WORKERS' DUTY

M. Chautemps said that a social legislation code will be voted by Parliament. In exchange for security labour strikers must recognise what Parliament has done for them by renouncing all forms of illegality. To the announcement of applause from the Centre and Right, and from various members of the Left, M. Chautemps added: "I declare with untroubled firmness that if certain people disturb the public peace, the force of the law will descend upon them."

Atmosphere in the Lobbies at the conclusion of M. Chautemps' speech was very critical and it was strongly held that the Chautemps Government would not survive the night. M. Leon Blum, the President of the Republic was seen coming from the Chamber with a white and set face.—Reuter.

PREMIER'S CHALLENGE

Paris, Jan. 14. In the course of his vigorous speech to the Chamber, M. Camille Chautemps said in the face of criminal acts of this gravity, there had not been absolute unanimity in approving the action of the Minister of the Interior and in condemning the criminals. This was the result of an uneasiness and a moral sickness with the country. He declared that the Government was resolved to obtain social peace and to balance the budget and it condemned any control of exchange.

He concluded by asking the various parliamentary groups to meet to decide their attitude towards his declaration, particularly respecting monetary freedom.

The Chamber then adjourned at 9.30 p.m. It was generally held in the lobbies that the speech did not strengthen the Government's position and antagonised the socialists and communists. The Radical-Socialist group has already met and passed a motion which will later be presented to the Chamber, approving of Mr. Chautemps' speech and expressing confidence in him.—Reuter.

STARTING
TIMES
ANNOUNCED

Golf At Fanling
On Sunday

OLD COURSE

9.12 C. W. E. Bishop, A. B. Purves.	9.18 A. C. Godby, J. D. Danby.
9.20 W. W. C. Shewan, H. N. Williamson.	9.24 S. C. Feltham, F. D. Angus.
9.28 W. G. Robertson, J. R. Collis.	9.32 A. V. Greaves, Comdr. Hole.
9.36 J. H. Underwood, W. C. Farnham.	9.40 I. H. Geare, O. E. C. Marton.
9.44 K. K. Rounds, K. S. Morrison.	9.48 R. C. F. Macgregor, F. Welch.
9.52 L. Goldman, W. Woodward.	9.56 P. H. Scoones, R. L. S. Webb.
10.00 A. Corrigan, E. L. Groomer.	10.04 Col. Blinck, Col. Crewdson.
10.08 J. B. Mackie, D. S. Edward.	10.12 R. J. Shrigley, W. Sharp.
10.16 H. E. the Governor, N. L. Smith.	10.20 G. S. Archbutt, A. W. Hughes.
10.24 W. A. A. Smalley, Capt. Holmes.	10.28 W. A. Stewart, N. K. Littlejohn.
10.32 D. J. Gilmore, A. Sommerfeld.	10.36 G. Milne, A. A. Bremner.
10.40 F. C. Young, G. F. O'Brien.	10.44 H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.
10.48 D. J. Lyon, B. Rolfe.	10.52 M. Mc. Gee, Wing Cdr. Bishop.
10.56 R. Windfield, W. T. Youatt.	11.00 I. P. Tamworth, H. M. Williamson.
11.04 J. S. Dunnell, G. G. Gray.	11.08 T. E. & J. C. Pearce.
11.12 E. T. McMullen, L. R. Andrews.	11.16 T. A. Pearce, R. G. Parker.
11.20 G. A. Leiper, C. C. Willson.	

NEW COURSE

9.16 R. Young, R. L. D. Wodehouse.	9.20 G. M. Park, J. B. H. Leckie.
9.24 F. A. M. Elliott, A. C. I. Howland.	
9.28 J. R. Masson, S. H. Dodwell.	9.32 T. R. Chassels, H. H. Mundy.
9.36 T. Low, R. K. Valentine.	9.40 G. C. Worrall, J. H. M. Andrews.
9.44 W. J. Roberts, J. L. Bonnar.	9.52 Mrs. Goldman, Mrs. Woodward.
9.56 Mrs. Webb, Miss Crupnell.	10.00 Mrs. Shrigley, Mrs. Sharp.
10.04 D. S. Robb, A. E. Lissman.	10.08 Mrs. Smalley, Mrs. Holmes.
10.12 K. R. Quick, G. W. Reid.	10.16 W. A. and Mrs. Cornhill.
10.24 Mrs. Overy, Mrs. Mackenzie.	10.32 Mrs. Lyon, Mrs. Rolfe.
10.36 E. C. and Mrs. Norris.	10.40 W. C. Clark, M. C. Margrett.
10.48 Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Margrett.	

Note: Starting times at 9.04 and 9.08 on the Old Course and 9.08 and 9.12 on the New Course are not to be booked by anyone at all.

Triangular
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RugbyGovernor To Be
Present

There will be two games of Rugby Football on the Club ground at Happy Valley to-morrow. The first game, commencing at 2.45 p.m., will be between H.M.S. Cumberland and the Club "A" XV. This will be followed at 4 p.m. by the last match of this year's Triangular Tournament series, when the Army will play the Club. The Navy have already won the Tournament this season, and this last match is a contest to decide who will hold the wooden spoon.

Surg. Lt. Cmdr. Nicholson will referee the "A" fixture and Mr. D. W. MacEwen will control the Triangular Tournament match. His Excellency the Governor has signified his intention of watching the Triangular Tournament game and their Excellencies, the Commander-in-Chief and General Officer Commanding will also be present.

The Club and Army sides selected are as follows:—Army.—Fus. Peritt (R.W.F.); L/C Ayrton (R.A.S.C.); Lt. R. D. MacLagan (Seaforths); 2/Lt. Gudgeon (Middlesex); 2/Lt. Chilverall (Middlesex); Pte. Rainey (Seaforths); Sgt. Bailey (R.A.M.C.); Sgt. Moore (Middlesex); Pte. Knowles (Seaforths); Pte. Watson (Middlesex); 2/Lt. I. A. MacLagan (Seaforths); Cpl. Wainwright (Royal Corps of Signals); Bdr. Page (8th A.A. Bde R.A.); Capt. Gillespie (R.E.) (Captain); Lt. Crawford (Royal Corps of Signals).

Club 1st XV.—M. W. Macgregor; D. H. Stewart; H. D. Bidwell; W. E. Grieve; M. G. Carruthers; A. H. R. Butcher; J. L. Bonnar; K. A. Watson; K. W. Baker; E. N. Stout; A. W. Holden; W. E. Peers; J. C. Miller (Captain); A. J. G. Taylor and J. Redman.

Club "A" XV.—F. Cessford; H. van Leeuwen; E. Tavernier; E. M. Watts; H. F. Hopkins; C. W. Lytle (Captain); J. R. Henderson; F. Swan; T. H. Pratt; K. H. G. White; B. Hynes; A. S. Olson; A. G. Dalziel; G. L. Eastgate and J. K. Birt.

SHIPS IN WIRELESS
COMMUNICATION

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with the Hongkong Radio Station: Sages, Achilles, Apoc, Fooning, Shabonee, Pecten, Haidis, Adrasius, Sophie Rickmers, Susana, Sulstang, Empress Of Japan, Shinkyo Maru, Taiyuan, Yungchen, Ferma, Norviken, Shuntien, President Coolidge.

MADAME CHIANG
DELAYS RETURN

(Continued from Page 1.)

Naturally we will have to abandon this plan now, and it is hard to say what route Madame will take on the return journey. Her departure from Hongkong will have to be kept as secret as possible.

Immediately after her arrival in Hongkong on Wednesday Madame Chiang Kai-shek visited her sister, Madame H. H. Kung, and for a time resided at her sister's residence in Sassoon Road, Pokfulam. Persistent callers yesterday, however, made it imperative that Madame Chiang Kai-shek find a new address, and she is now residing on the mid-levels. Madame Kung has been in ill-health for some time and, out of consideration for her sister, Madame Chiang Kai-shek decided to change her residence.

DENIES RUMOURS

Rumours that Madame Chiang Kai-shek was visiting Hongkong in order to join her sister in persuading Mr. T. V. Soong to consent to accept once again the finance ministry were emphatically denied by the spokesmen interviewed by the Telegraph. "There is absolutely no foundation for the rumour," the spokesmen declared. Madame Chiang Kai-shek is not discussing political affairs with either her sister or Mr. Soong during her holiday in Hongkong.

"A rumour" that has apparently gained credence in Hongkong that Madame has come to Hongkong because peace terms will shortly be announced is even more ridiculous.

"China has no intention of accepting any peace terms that involve a sacrifice of her territory, and recent overtures were flatly rejected by the Government. China will continue fighting to the last man if necessary, until the last drop of blood is shed, or until a peace honourable to this nation is obtained.

"Far from negotiating a peace, the Generalissimo has departed for the Lushan front to personally conduct the operations against the Japanese."

STOCK MARKET
REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary, issued at 3.15 p.m. yesterday, says:

There was a fair turnover in Old China Lights and Trams at quotations, otherwise the market remains dull.

Bidders	
Hongkong Bank (Lon.) 699	Doogans \$2
Peak Trams (Old) 80 1/2	Star Ferries \$50
H.K. Electric \$33 1/2	Macao Electric \$10 1/2
Cement \$12.70	H.K. Ropes \$3 1/2
Watsons \$4.70	Constructions \$1 1/2
H.K. Harpers \$3 1/2	Wallace Harpers \$3 1/2
Sellers	
Peak Trams (New) 3 1/2	Yaumati Ferries \$2 1/2
Sanderson Lights \$14 1/2	Canton Ice \$1.70
Sales	
H.K. Lands \$1 1/2	H.K. Tramways \$13 1/2
Peak Trams (Old) 80 1/2	China Lights (Old) \$10 1/2/10.40
Telephones (Old) \$25.63	Cement \$12.70

EXCHANGE RATES

	Jan. 12.	Jan. 13.
Paris.....	147.37/64	153 1/2
Geneva.....	21.60 1/2	21.63 1/2
Berlin.....	12.40 1/2	12.40 1/2
Athens.....	54 1/2	54 1/2
Milan.....	54 1/2	54 1/2
Copenhagen.....	22.40	22.40
Stockholm.....	19.00	19.00
Oslo.....	22.04	22.04
Helsingfors.....	1/2 1/2	1/2 1/2
Shanghai.....	1/2 1/2	1/2 1/2
New York.....	4.99 1/2	4.99 1/2
Vienna.....	26 1/2	26 1/2
Amsterdam.....	8.07 1/2	8.07 1/2
Prague.....	142 1/2	142 1/2
Madrid.....	Nom.	Nom.
Lisbon.....	110 1/2	110 1/2
Hongkong.....	1/3	1/3
Bombay.....	1/6 1/2	1/6 1/2
Montreal.....	4.99 1/2	4.99 1/2
Russels.....	29.50	29.54 1/2
Yokohama.....	210	210
Belgrade.....	210	210
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BALLOONS CAN DEFEND LONDON

Deadly To Raiding Bombers, Says Barrage Chief

DIRECT HIT ON K.C.R.

A N attempt to penetrate a balloon barrage over London would probably result in the loss of an attacking bomber for every balloon destroyed, and in these circumstances it was unlikely that an enemy would persevere in such an attack.

This suggestion was made recently in an address at the Royal United Service Institution by Air-Commodore J. G. Harrison, who was appointed this year Air Officer Commanding No. 30 (Balloon Barrage) Group of the R.A.F.

Experiments and research carried out indicated, he said, that a balloon barrage was part of London's air defence would be "uncomfortably effective."

It was possible that balloons carrying high explosive charges, which could be fired from the ground, might be included as a strong moral deterrent to attackers.

"The balloon barrage, as part of the air defence of London, is becoming an accomplished fact," he said, "and it is not a political stunt, and it is not merely a scare. It will be a very real and considerable contribution to air defence, meeting requirements which cannot be met by any other means known at present."

"The elaboration and extension of this form of defence show every promise of becoming valuable in the not too distant future."

"The problem of making the barrage lethal against modern aircraft is becoming capable of solution. 'Counter measures,' he added, 'are most likely to take the form of protective devices, or special cable-sweeping airplanes sent in advance of a raid.'

"Such devices are difficult to fit, and it might be found no easy matter to incorporate them in new designs. Methods of defeating them are under investigation."

Dealing with the disadvantages associated with cable-raising balloons, Air-Commodore Harrison said: "We are investigating an interesting proposal to overcome them. I cannot say anything further at present."

Britain To Speed Planes' Production

Significant Changes In Control Body

London, Jan. 13. Further acceleration of aircraft production in England is foreshadowed in an important change of control of the Society of British Aircraft Constructors, involving the appointment of a Chairman from outside the industry.

Sir Charles Bruce Gardner has been appointed as first Executive Chairman of the Society and Mr. Handley Page, now Chairman, will occupy the newly created position of President.

The official statement recalls that the Society was organised in 1916 to deal with war-time production problems and has since acted as executive and consultative body in such matters of principle as are of general concern to the aircraft industry.

The requirements of the Royal Air Force programme and increased demands upon the elected Chairman in his dual capacity as manufacturer and head of the Society has led the Council to make the above appointment.

Sir Bruce Gardner will particularly be concerned with interpreting to the Air Ministry and the industry the views and wishes of the one to the other and in ensuring the well-being of the industry in its development.—*Reuter Special.*



THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED when Japanese bombers scored a direct hit on the Kowloon-Canton Railway. But gangs of coolies soon restore communication.

Scotland Yard Gets Its Man After Long Nationwide Search

Claimed by the prosecution to be "Flannel Foot," the elusive burglar whose skill for years defied Scotland Yard, Henry Williams heard counsel tell of "one point definitely in his favour" as he stood in the dock at Middlesex Sessions the other day, when he was sentenced to five years' penal servitude.

Mr. Christmas Humphreys, prosecuting, declared: "Obviously he has been acting as a professional cash burglar for a great many years, but he has never used violence, never caused undue damage, never so much as frightened a single individual, never had on him anything in the nature of a lethal or dangerous weapon."

Williams, aged 49, of Royal Albert, Holland Park, W., pleaded guilty to four charges of breaking into houses, one charge of burglariously breaking out of a house, and another of possessing housebreaking implements by night.

A smartly-dressed man with a neatly-clipped moustache, he smiled as he entered his plea.

HAD 47 KEYS

The clerk read out the list of house-breaking implements found on Williams when he was caught by the police at Ruislip. They were: Two table knives, screwdriver, piece of wire, two torches, pair of pliers, metal grip, two safety pins, piece of sock, a pair of gloves, 47 keys, pocket knife, and pair of gloves.

Mr. Humphreys said that for five years the police had been searching for a man whom the Press called "Flannel Foot." On October 29 detectives followed Williams from his home to Ruislip and arrested him coming from an unoccupied house.

"When he was searched they found on him a complete paraphernalia of a burglar, and in a brown paper parcel a pair of gloves which he was wont to wear in carrying out the burglaries."

NO FINGERPRINTS

"Imprints of these gloves were found in the gardens of houses he has broken into. Apparently it was his habit to wipe these gloves in the houses with some cloth, so that later he should not be seen wearing muddy shoes that might give him away."

The police examined his gloves and they showed that when he handled various articles he would have no fingerprints. In fact, no fingerprints were ever found.

After his arrest the police searched his premises and found a small quantity of jewellery, which was placed before the enormous number of people who had complained, and five sets were identified.

CHOSE PAY DAYS

Williams usually selected Friday or Saturday night when he knew that wages would be in the house, and except for an occasional article of jewellery it was money he always stole. The houses were usually of the small villa type.

His modus operandi was to get in by a French window, opening it by means which had better not be explained in court, but which did not break the glass and apparently gained him admission without the slightest difficulty.

"He would steal any cash about the house, and, having politely wiped his feet—not on the mat, but on some piece of flannel or cloth lying about—would depart with his goloshes wrapped up in a brown paper parcel and with such money as he was able to steal."

There was only one previous conviction against him—in 1911. He had been shown a long list of offences committed by some person in or around London during the last five years, and he admitted 34, asking to

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12.42 Harry Roy & His Orchestra. Foxtrots—"They all Laughed," "I've got Beginner's Luck," "Shall We Dance," "Slap That Bass," "Why Can't We Make Love," Slow Foxtrot—"Broken Hearted Clown."

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

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1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press. Local Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 Gershwin—Piano Concerto in F Major. Roy Barry at the Piano with Paul Whiteman & His Orchestra.

2.07 Dance Records. Foxtrots—Let's call the Whole Thing off; They can't take that away from me. Roy Fox and his Orch. I dream of San. Muriel; Let me dream of Havana. Ronnie Manno and his Dance Orchestra.

2.15 Close down. 6.0-7 p.m. Chinese Programme.

7.0 Dance Music.

Foxtrots—Lights Out; I'm shooting high. Little Jack Little & His Orchestra. This Year's Kisses; You're laughing at me. Roy Smek and his Hawaiian Serenaders. Slow Foxtrot—Would You. Waltz—A Waltz was born in Vienna. The Music Makers. Foxtrots—A melody for Two; September in the Rain. Jack Hylton & His Orchestra. Tango—Gustava Nette ti dirò. Waltz—Coronation Waltz. Mantovani & His Orchestra.

7.30 Variety. Vocal—I'll Sing Three Songs of Arabia; I Know of Two Bright Eyes. Ben Davies (Tenor). Orchestra—From Nona and Fur—Austrian Waltz Melodics. Vienna Accordion Orchestra. Vocal—My Heart will be Dancing; Lilac Domino Waltz Song. June Knight. Orchestra—Tune of Not So Long Ago 1923-4. New Mayfair Orchestra. Selection from "Once Upon a Time." New Mayfair Orchestra.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Gaston D'Aquino (Tenor) acc. by E. O'Neill Shaw. 1. (a) Penser; (b) Ave Maria; (c) Mattinata. 2. (a) To One Beloved; (b) Roses Red in the Garden; (c) Down in the Forest. London Ronald. 3. (a) Mamma Mia (by Special Request); (b) Oochi turchini. Denza. 8.30 London Relay—Food for Thought. Three short talks on matters of topical interest.

9.00 A Concert of Russian Music. Lindow—A Musical Snuff Box. Orchestra Raymond. Moussorgsky—Hopak, Melodie Russe. Alexander Koubitzky (Tenor). Scenes de Ballet Op. 32. New Symphony Orchestra conducted by Boris Godounov—Farewell of Paris; Death of Boris. Chaliapine. 9.30 London Relay—The News. 9.50 "Rigoleto." Acts 2 and 3 (Verdi).

Riccardo Stracchini, Dino Borgioli, Emilio Bruni, Guido Uzi, Eugenio Dall'Argine, Mercedes Caspi, Ernesto Dominici, Maselli. Basil Chorus of La Scala Milan, and the Milan Symphony Orchestra. 11.00 Close Down.

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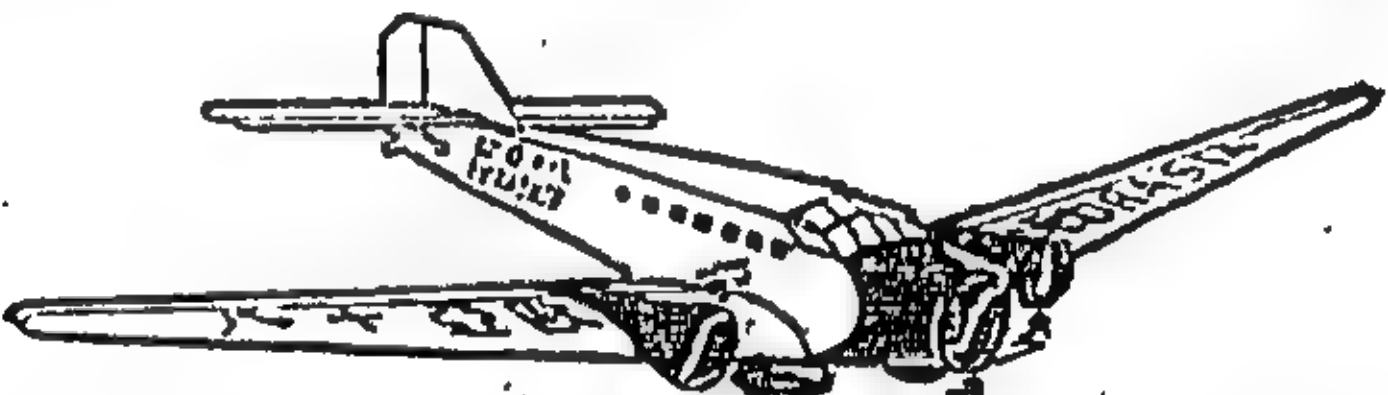
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NEW COLONIAL ADMINISTRATION APPOINTMENTS

London, Jan. 13. The King has approved the appointment of Sir Mark Aitchison Young, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Barbados, to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Tanganyika Territory, succeeding Sir H. Macmillan, whose appointment as High Commissioner and Commander-in-Chief for Palestine, and High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan recently received His Majesty's approval.

His Majesty has also approved the appointment of Mr. Eubule John Waddington, Colonial Secretary of British Guiana to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Barbados.

JAPAN CURTAILING CONSUMPTION OF RAW COTTON

Washington, Jan. 13. The American commercial attaché at Tokyo has reported that the Japanese Ministry of Commerce is taking drastic steps to curtail the consumption of raw cotton, which become effective on February 1. All cotton yarn used for the manufacture of goods for domestic consumption must be mixed with 30 per cent. of staple fibre which is a synthetic material.—*United Press.*

Two workmen, Chung Yam-mui, 43, and Chan Kam, were injured when part of the hillside near Victoria Park, Kowloon, collapsed yesterday. They were taken to the Queen Mary Hospital.

Motor-Cyclist Badly Hurt

A motor-cycle accident occurred on the Shek O Road, two miles from Island Road yesterday, involving two employees of Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd.

The men, Lo Chu-wah, driver, and Cheung Yuen-wing, riding pillion, were proceeding towards town on a motor-cycle owned by the Company, when, for some unknown reason, it suddenly left the road, and plunged into a nullah, about 15 feet deep.

Both men were thrown off, Lo receiving severe head injuries, necessitating his removal to the Queen Mary Hospital. Cheung was not hurt.

Post Reward For Murderer

A reward of \$250 is being offered by the police for information leading to the arrest of the persons responsible for the murder of Tam Ki-san, a Chinese, who was stabbed to death by one of four men near the Hongkong Football Club grounds, Happy Valley, about midnight on Wednesday.

The men detained by the police for enquiries all have been released, it is learned.

SINGAPORE BASE OPENS FEB. 11

Preceded By Air, Sea, Land Manoeuvres

London, Jan. 13. The opening of the Singapore base will be on February 11, ships participating being H.M.S. Emerald, flagship of the East India Station, two cruisers from the East Indies, three escort vessels from the Royal Indian Navy and one or two mixed craft from the China Fleet.

Twenty-five warships, 10,000 troops and numerous aeroplanes are participating in manoeuvres from January 31 to February 5.—*United Press.*

BRITAIN DISLIKES CONSULAR PARITY

London, Jan. 13. In connection with the Russian Government's declaration of its intention to observe a principle of parity in consular representation, it was stated in official quarters in London to-day, that while the matter of adjustment of consular representation of the two countries was the subject of friendly discussion between the two governments, the British Government does not consider the principle of parity appropriate to consular representation, as a rigid insistence on parity would appear to cut right across the whole purpose of such representation.—*British Wireless.*

CONVERSION OF DUTCH LOAN

The Hague, Jan. 13. The Netherlands Finance Minister has concluded arrangements for the conversion of 1,700,000,000 florins of the Government 4 per cent. loan. The new loan will mature in 38 years. The rate of interest will be three per cent. for the first ten years and 3½ per cent. thereafter. The price is 98½ per cent. The subscription list will close on January 27.—*Reuter Special.*

KEPT UNREGISTERED MUI-TSAI

A war refugee, Sin Wai-fong, 50, married woman, of 393 Hennessy Road, was charged before Mr. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning with keeping an unregistered mul-tai, Kwan Wing, alias "Choi Tin Tin," and with bringing the girl into the Colony.

Inspector H. W. Fraser, attached to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, said the woman arrived in Hongkong on December 75, and had reported to the S.C.A. on January 12, with a view to having the girl registered. The mul-tai had been presented to defendant in July, 1937, for \$97, and was very well treated.

Defendant was cautioned.

BRITISH MISSION TO PORTUGAL

London, Jan. 13. The British Service Mission which is to visit Portugal will arrive in Lisbon about February 20.—*British Wireless.*

KILLED BOARDING TRAMCAR

One of three Chinese, Chi Ping, who boarded a tramcar at White Street yesterday about midnight, fell from the step while it was in motion, and received injuries from which he died at the Queen Mary Hospital at 1.45 a.m. to-day.

Appearing on remand before Mr. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, Li Cheung, 26, unemployed, was fined \$5 with the alternative of two weeks' hard labour, for the theft of a cat from No. 40 Bowring Road on Wednesday.

TROOPS MASSED FOR DECISIVE ENGAGEMENTS

Safety Of Central Provinces Rests On "Hindenberg Line"

Hankow, Jan. 14.

The most decisive battle since the beginning of Sino-Japanese hostilities is expected very soon in the Shantung-Kiangsu border region. Military information reveals that over 400,000 Chinese troops are concentrated along the Tientsin-Pukow and the Lunghai railways near Hsuehchow.

Crack Chinese troops, specially and thickly arranged on both flanks of the railway lines are ready to strangle the Japanese advance columns to death if they make a dash along the railway.

The Chinese authorities have paid much attention in past years to the matter of consolidating a national defence line along the Lunghai railway with its reinforced concrete "Hindenberg Line."

The results of this decisive battle north of Hsuehchow will determine the fate of Central China, it is stated. Meanwhile, Chen Cheng, young, smart, right-hand man of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, has assumed office as commander of the garrison forces of the Wuhan triple cities (Wuchang, Hankow and Hanyang), and this means that Chen Cheng will be the man defending the cities are endangered. In the meantime, keen observers continue to toy with rumours regarding Dr. Oscar Trautmann's continual efforts as peace mediator, and many people are gossiping that he has succeeded. However, generally speaking, this suggestion is ridiculed. Men knowing the real inside situation have pointed out the distance is still very far between the terms the Japanese offer and what the Chinese will accept.—United Press.

Japanese Press Advance

Shanghai, Jan. 14. According to a Domei report, Japanese forces moving southward from Tientsin on Wednesday, occupied Taitien, eight miles south of Nanyang, near Nanyang, Lake, where they ousted three Chinese divisions from the lakeside area.—United Press.

Chinese "Mopping Up"

At Taining

Hsuehchow, Jan. 14. After the recapture of Taining, important town on the left flank of the Tientsin-Pukow railway in Shantung, Chinese forces are "mopping up" remnant Japanese in the surrounding districts. It has now been revealed that after the fall of the city on the night of January 11, the Chinese forces were withdrawn to the west bank of the Grand Canal. With the arrival of reinforcements the Chinese military command ordered a counter-offensive on the night of January 12. Under cover of night the Chinese forces crossed the canal which happened then to be frozen and launched a surprise attack on the city. After a sanguinary battle, they recaptured it yesterday morning, inflicting heavy casualties on the Japanese.—Central News.

Mongolian Troops

On Borders

Lanchow, Jan. 14. Heavy troop concentrations have

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Only Cruise Ship Scheduled

Colony Loses Tourist Trade

The Sino-Japanese conflict is affecting all commercial traffic in the Far East, including the tourist trade. Inquiries conducted by the Telegraph reveal that of the four big round-the-world cruise liners which were scheduled to come to Far Eastern waters this year with hundreds of travellers aboard, three have been diverted to other parts of the world, mainly Australia, because of China's unsettled condition.

Germany's Bremen, the third largest ship in the world, which was to come to Hongkong and the Far East for the first time, had her trip cancelled about four months ago. The voyage of the Franconia, Cunard White Star liner and the Helland, for which Jensen & Co. are agents, have been altered to miss the East. The only world-tourer keeping her schedule to the East will be the Empress of Britain, the 42,500-ton flagship of the Canadian Pacific Steamship Company's fleet of 76 ships. She is expected here from Bangkok on March 9, but instead of calling on Shanghai and Japan as she has done in previous years, she will sail direct for Manila after a five days stay in the harbour.

It will be remembered that the Empress of Britain came to the Colony on March 21 last with a passenger list of well over 450, among those aboard being several American millionaires and a princess from Europe.

Five hundred persons who had booked in America to visit the East last month altered their itineraries and booked for Australia, it is revealed. Several hundreds who had booked by Empress liners from Vancouver in November changed over to the steamer Aorangi for New Zealand. It is estimated that 3,000 tourists who would have left Vancouver in Empress liners for the East will end their cruise at Honolulu instead of continuing on to Japan, Shanghai and Hongkong.

BURNS' DINNER

The Burns' Night Dinner will be held at the Rose Room, Peninsula Hotel, on Tuesday, January 25, at 7.45 p.m. for 8.15 p.m. Invitations have been issued by the Chairman and Committee of St. Andrew's Society.

SHANGHAI EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION WARNS TERRORISTS IN CITY

Following several attacks on Japanese soldiers on the outskirts of the International Settlement, and the suggestion that terrorists were sheltering in the International area, the Municipal Council took drastic steps to curb the operations of these people who were endangering the foreign community. The following "emergency proclamation" was issued:

WHEREAS a period of grave emergency continues to exist;
WHEREAS, also, armed outrages continue to occur on a grave scale in the International Settlement;

WHEREAS, accordingly, it appears necessary to the Shanghai Municipal Council to accord to the Municipal Police certain emergency powers;

IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED:

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2. That any person committing an offence in the International Settlement will be refused the sanc-

tuary of the Settlement and will be liable to expulsion therefrom;

3. That the Municipal Police are authorized to search all premises, public or private, for unauthorized arms;

4. That a reward not exceeding \$5,000 will be paid to any person giving information that leads to the apprehension of terrorists;

5. That a substantial reward will be paid to any person giving information that leads to the seizure of unauthorized arms.

By Order, G. Godfrey Phillips, Secretary, Council Chamber, Shanghai, January 1, 1938.

POLITICAL STRIFE OVER PHILIPPINES INDEPENDENCE BILL

Mr. Roosevelt's Programme Praised and Condemned

Washington, Jan. 13.

A member of the Joint Committee studying the question of Philippines Independence told United Press in an interview to-day that the "announcement of the Philippines policy by President Roosevelt before the joint preparatory commission rendered the report vitally timely, because it will discourage a strong and immediate independence movement started by Mr. Thomas O'Malley's Bill.

"Furthermore in connection with the obvious Anglo-American parallel action in Oriental affairs, and the imminent negotiations of an Anglo-American trade agreement, President Roosevelt's Philippines policy means that the international status of the Philippines and the United States position in the Orient will not be altered for a long time."

Preliminary congressional reaction indicated that President Roosevelt's programme would be extensively supported, especially as it was evidence of the United States' firm and stabilizing purpose in the Orient.

WILL PRESS FOR ACTION

Representative Thomas O'Malley, in a press interview on the subject, said he would continue to press for action and an immediate Independence Bill, despite President Roosevelt's scheme.

"I have been promised by the committee a hearing of my Bill in February. Meanwhile I am continuing to lobby for support for immediate independence and the immediate termination of all trade relations."

Mr. O'Malley said that a Bill could be offered in substitution if the Administration proposed an amendment along the lines of President Roosevelt's statement. He said he had agreed to a postponement of consideration of his Bill until February only because he was told that through such a delay it would be possible to present full factual data on the subject. However, he insisted that if any attempt were made immediately to consider President Roosevelt's programme he would press his Bill as a substitute.

NYE WANTS "OUT"

Interviewed, Senator Gerald P. Nye said: "I could not differ with the programme in the nature in which it is set forth at the present. However, immediately upon establishment of independence there must be a gradual reduction of trade preferences year by year. Any test on the issue of early independence will find me supporting getting out of the East as soon as we can."

Senator Borah said he had not definitely decided but "I rather suspect I would support such a programme."

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OPIUM CARRIERS APPREHENDED

Searched by Revenue Officers at the Railway Station, Kowloon, on January 11, a man named Ng Hon-ki, 32, unemployed, was found to be in possession of 36 tacks of raw opium which was concealed in the false bottom of his rattan basket. Charged before Mr. K. M. A. Burnett at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day, Ng was fined \$300 or, in default, is to serve five months' hard labour, and was further sentenced to one month's hard labour without the option of a fine. Defendant said that he had obtained the opium and the basket in Canton.

Also for possession of raw opium two men, Chan Yuk, 36, unemployed, and Wong Tung, 20, boatman, were punished by Mr. Burnett to-day. Acting on information received Sub-Inspector Butcher boarded a

SHAI JAPANESE PROMOTED

Shanghai, Jan. 14. The Shanghai Municipal Council has gazetted the promotions of Inspector Suehiro Iwasaki and Inspector Tokuhiko Hirai to Chief Inspector of the Municipal Police.—United Press.

junk in the harbour yesterday and found 52 tacks of the opium on top of some rats in the hold in the bows of the boat.

The first defendant, who claimed the opium, was fined \$500 or, in default, is to serve six months' hard labour, and the second defendant, who claimed the junk, was fined \$50 or two months' hard labour. The junk, worth \$30, was ordered to be confiscated.



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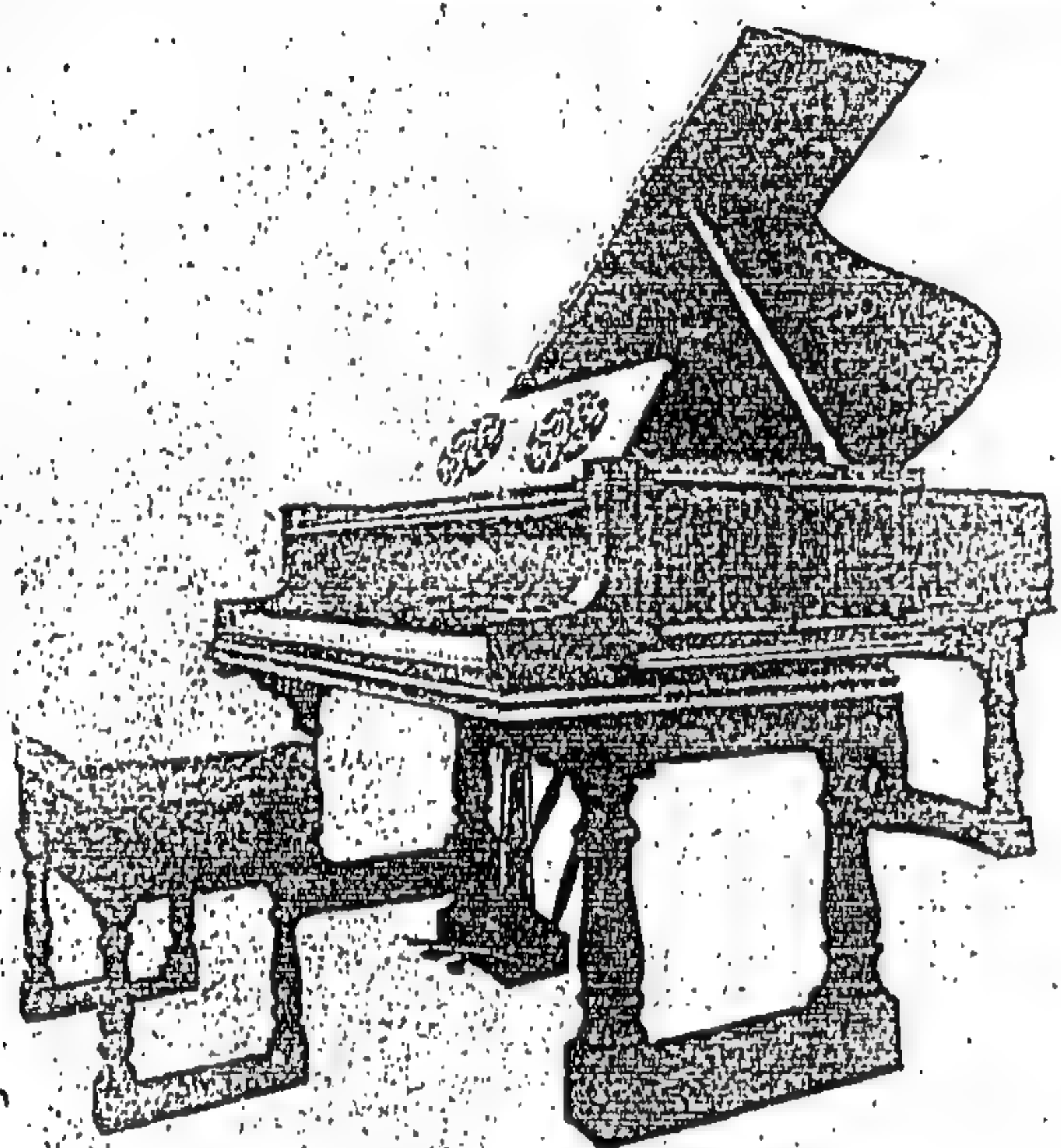
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The
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 1938.

CENTRAL EUROPE'S CROSS-ROADS

There are definite indications of a trend towards the Rome-Berlin axis by Austria and Hungary. Commercially, politically and even from an historical point of view such an affinity is not surprising. Commercially, Germany and Italy are important to the Austrian and Hungarian people; increasingly so in view of the necessity of the bigger powers securing raw products from their neighbours. It would seem that in this case the lesser states were in a sound position for bargaining, but the political aspects of the situation are such that this advantage is largely offset. They outweigh commercial considerations. Possibly because of them, the weaker parties find it expedient to have some definite understanding in order to avoid complications of a dangerous nature. This, at least, is the view of several commentators in Europe discussing the problems of the governments at Vienna and Budapest. They put it bluntly: in order to escape the danger of unfriendly reaction on the part of Italy and Germany, Austria and Hungary may find it necessary to adhere to some sort of pact with their big neighbours, and it is possible that the conversations at present in progress at Budapest, at which all four powers are represented, may be laying the foundation for this understanding.

The political situation in Austria, especially, is very much confused. There is a strong Nazi party there, bitterly antagonistic to the Monarchists, who are now campaigning for the return of Archduke Otto to the throne of his fathers. It was a coincidence that the Nazis chose to make their influence felt at the time of the Budapest

YOU know that "end-of-the-holiday" feeling? Everyone experiences it at some time in their lives. A touchiness, an unreasonable irritability over trifles, which leads to quarrels between lovers and friction in families.

You probably do not know that the basic cause of it is that you have been eating more and richer food than usual, perhaps taking more exercise, subjecting different parts of your body to unaccustomed strains. Your nervous system, over-strained in its purely physical duties, lets you down mentally.

Look at it the other way round. Many people when they receive a sudden piece of bad news feel, and often are, physically sick. Others burst into perspiration, or start to shake.

Excessive mental or emotional strain on the nerves prevents them performing their bodily duties properly and produces physical symptoms.

The serious study of the nervous system and the recognition of the part they play in health are comparatively recent developments of medical science. You will still hear doctors dismiss some patient's ailment with a contemptuous "Oh! it's nothing but nerves!" Such a remark is just as foolish as to say of a man with a broken leg "It's nothing but a bone!"

THE nervous system, like the blood system, covers every part of the body with a network of tiny fibres, and its functions in maintaining health and preserving life are no less important than those of the blood.

It remained for so long the Cinderella of physiology because conversations. But the Monarchist campaign for Otto gave them an excuse, if they required one.

It is perhaps unfair to say that the Austro-Hungarian reaffirmation of their opposition to Communism was a move of self-defence against their professed friends of Rome and Berlin. It is probably very true that the vast majority of Austro-Hungarians are opposed to the doctrine of Marx and the idea of world revolution. But likewise a good proportion of them are opposed to Nazism and Fascism. Archduke Otto, in fact, has bluntly declared against Fascism, though latterly he has changed his attitude to the extent of admitting that such a system might solve the Austrian political problem. For Hungary he has never deviated from the contention that a monarchical form of Government, based on the British model, is the best suited.

There is to be bound to be some conflict in these central European fields. Never particularly popular, the League of Nations appears to have lost entirely the friendship and trust of Austria and Hungary. Despatches from Budapest indicate that withdrawal of both states is not impossible. And withdrawal would probably be the first step in the re-establishment of the old Triple Entente, or something very like it. Austria and Hungary must naturally aim at security. Out of the arms of the League they are in the hands of Germany and Italy. What more natural than that they should join the anti-Comintern pact, recognise General Franco's Insurgents, Italy's Empire in Ethiopia, and become good totalitarian states? They are being driven to it.

NERVES

of its connection with mental illness. Excessive nervous strain does frequently cause delusions or phobias, but a faulty blood supply to the brain can produce very similar phenomena, and to withhold sympathy from nerve sufferers, to treat them as if there was really nothing wrong with them, is both cruel and silly.

A nerve itself looks like a little white worm. If you have a large hole in one of your teeth, the dentist will probably kill the nerve in that tooth and pick it out with a thin wire hook. Next time that misfortune occurs to you, ask him to show you your nerve.

It is a profoundly interesting object. That little worm is linked with every other nerve in your body. The whole system is like a highly complicated electric grid controlling every movement of and in your body, and ready to warn you of danger at a moment's notice.

THE centre of the system, the trunk line of the grid, is your spinal cord, which runs down from your brain inside your backbone. A man can break his backbone and live, but if his spinal cord is broken he dies instantly. From this trunk line branches of nerves lead out to every part of your body. The bigger central ones are bundles containing many separate nerves; by the time the skin is reached these have split up into single worms.

There are two types of "line" in this human grid. The sensory nerves, which record and transmit to the centre news of anything that happens in, or on, the surface of your body, and the motor nerves, which control the action of your muscles.

The most obvious example of the close and rapid co-operation between the two groups is to touch a hot plate.

Almost before you are conscious of the painful sensation of heat which your sensory nerves have conveyed to your brain, your motor nerves have set in action the muscles which draw your finger back.

But a very large proportion of the work done by the nerves



never reaches your consciousness at all. If it did, you would be quite incapable of thinking about anything else.

Your brain would be hopelessly overburdened. The method by which this is avoided is one of the most ingenious parts of the whole miraculous mechanism.

If you regard the brain as the central switchboard of the nervous system, there are subsidiary switchboards working automatically in other parts of the body.

Messages reaching these are short-circuited and the motor-nerves act immediately on their receipt without your knowing anything about it. Your breathing, the beating of your heart, your digestion, are all operated through these automatic switchboards.

Occasionally they go wrong. Cases have occurred in which the patient was unable to breathe unless he consciously drew each breath. There was nothing wrong with his lungs, but the control mechanism had failed and an operation which in normal people is performed unconsciously became a matter of thought and will. No one could endure long in this state without going mad or dying.

ONE of the most curious automatic nerve functions, and one which is most easily put out of order, is the control of the food that passes through your body.

Different stages of digestion take place at different parts of what is called the alimentary canal, the series of organs which begins with your stomach and ends with your bowel. If digestion is to take place properly and provide your body with the full value of the food you have eaten, the contents of your alimentary canal must move forward according to a regular time-table.

This is ensured by a series of lock-gates, nerve-operated, which open and close to allow the food to pass through at the appropriate moment.

If the gates stick and the food is retained too long in a particular part of the canal it ferments and you suffer from indigestion.

Now, it is this lock-gate control which is most often affected by the emotional strains which I mentioned at the beginning of this article.

If you are violently in love, or very frightened, or over-excited it is almost certain that you will not be able to eat normally or, if you do eat, you will have a stomach ache.

To use an electrical term, the emotional "load" on your nervous system has proved more than it can stand. Conversely, if you have just eaten a substantial meal and are digesting it properly, you will probably find it difficult to become excited.

Few people propose marriage immediately after dinner. Any speaker knows the impossibility of rousing a well-fed audience. The "load" on the nervous system is the other way.

How can you avoid suffering from nerve-trouble, whether physical or mental?

A TRAGEDY OF PROGRESS

"WELL," I called, "are you looking forward to the twenty-eighth?"

The old man straightened his back and turned round slowly. "I've been tending this bit of ground for thirty-four years now. Do you suppose I'm glad to lose it?"

I was leaning over the common fence of our allotments. I had just dismantled the little collapsible hut in my own patch of ground, and packed up a few tools and one or two plants I intended to give away to gardening friends. We had received an order to vacate our allotments by the 28th of November, as the ground was to be used for building.

The old man hobbled towards me. He had only been pottering aimlessly in a border. Obviously he could not bear to leave the earth alone, though he knew it would never feed another plant or bring forth another flower.

It was the Grand Old Man of the allotments. His hut, its walls composed of scraps of sheet-iron, three-ply board, tarred felt, and planking, had been extended with the years, so that it now consisted of two ply board, tarred felt, and planking, painted; little windows had been made with irregular fragments of glass, and the roof and corners were decorated with whitewashed sections of rubber tubing and old bicycle tyres.

Inside, luxury of luxuries, was an ancient settee; the walls were dotted with brown-edged pictures clipped from wartime magazines; and in the

room where his hoe and rake and trowel and raffia and packets of seeds were kept there stood a small oil-stove.

Here on summer evenings he would brew strong tea, and, seated on his sofa and puffing at a rank old clay, hold court among the other allotment-holders, old and young alike, who gathered for a nightly gossip when their digging and thinning and tying up was done.

He might eat and sleep in a crowded tenement where the sunlight rarely penetrated, but that mattered little; this was his true home—this was his country estate, where he was the equal of the richest in the land. And day in, day out, whenever I was to be seen in his moving slowly about among his plants, with a nod and a smiling word for every neighbour.

But on this misty morning the field was almost deserted. His back seemed more bent and his hand more trembling since the order had come. "Are you getting another place farther out of town?" I asked.

"No, I'm too old to begin again," I hadn't far to walk." I realised he meant he could not afford a bus fare. As I left he was half-heartedly turning over soil that was to serve as the foundation for some ugly concrete building. I wondered if progress meant so much. And I thought of Eden. But what was this old man's sin, that he, too, should be thrust out?

A. P. R.

THE first rule, as with most diseases, is not to think too much about it or to be afraid that your nerves are wrong. But this does not mean that you should not contemplate and admire your nervous mechanism as you might the engine of a motor-car.

If you understand how an engine works, you are less likely to subject it to undue strains. So realise when your nerves are in danger of over-loading and take precautions.

If you know that on holiday you have been eating more than usual, avoid conversation on subjects that excite or worry you.

If you are in love or anxious about your future, be careful about what you eat. Never quarrel at meal-times.

Alcohol in excess, and to a lesser extent tobacco, immediately weaken your nervous energy.

The man who gets drunk because he has met with a reverse definitely diminishes his own body's capacity to resist what has happened to him.

Cricket Notes

By "R. Abbit"

Civil Servants Enjoying Some Success

CRUSHING DEFEAT OF CLUB DE RECREIO

One of the most crushing victories of last Saturday was obtained by the Civil Service who shot out Club de Recreio for 64 runs, and one of the most noticeable features of this season as regards individual players has been the marked improvement of F. Baker. He was always a useful bowler though he has always been rather unlucky in the matter of wickets. This year, however, he has improved his batting enormously and though I should not call him either a correct or a polished performer, he gets runs very quickly.

Practically all the men he got in the Club de Recreio have good experience of cricket and a good many of them represented the University. I think, in its better days. In view of this, Baker's analysis of 13-15-18-7 was a remarkably good one. The Civil Service are undoubtedly looking up. I am told Perry bowled uncommonly well to start with us well. The Civil Service had no trouble in knocking off the runs. I am not sure that they will not do as well as anyone except, perhaps, the Hongkong Club in the Shield competition, but actually it really does not matter a bit whether they win or lose. They play good sporting cricket and it is pleasant to see them enjoying some measure of success after several very poor years.

A NEAR THING

The Indian Recreation Club continued their habit of doing something amazing. Their first three batsmen scored respectively 10, 67, and 27, and I am told that 110 was up for one wicket. However, they managed to be all out for 142 though of course they were bustling. There were no less than three people run out. A. H. Madar's was particularly a bad one. The Craigenower side were also a bit in and out, and made a good start—I believe Younger is very much more useful when he goes in first than when he goes in number 8—but afterwards there was a slump until G. A. Souza joined. R. H. Esmail. Both these cricketers are going on and I should like to see them play under even more important conditions. In some inter-club games for the next inter-club, Souza was not out for 47 in the end and C.C.C. just managed to crawl off a lee-shore (if you look at it from the point of view of the I.R.C.) or (if you look at it from the point of view of Craigenower), they just had no time to get the 11 runs necessary for victory. It was a good close match. One thing that strikes me as very curious is that Minu always seems more dangerous against the Club.

SPORT ADVTs.

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JUNIOR DIVISION

The Kowloon second eleven still remain under their cloud and they were thoroughly beaten by the Army "A" side. The only person to make any decent score for them was Dunne, who made 42. Baxter is still in his bad patch and I am inclined to think it is the result of steadily sticking to the Junior division cricket. It is not late, in my humble opinion, for him to develop into the good cricketer he showed promise of being, if he was played regularly in the first and got some coaching and encouragement from the older hands—both players and those who have retired from the game. The Army "A" for whom Sgt. Baker made 66 and Sgt. Bennett 47, ran up 142 for five wickets.

CRAIGENGOWER'S SUCCESS

Whatever view may be taken of the result of the first division game between the I.R.C. and C.C.C. there is no doubt that the Craigenower second put it right across I.R.C. second. They seemed to have a remarkable amount of batting as they had no difficulty in running up 101 for 9 wickets declared against the I.R.C. bowling, which previously a week or two ago had put K.C.C. second out for so small a score. I saw the beginning of the I.R.C. batting and they appeared completely comfortable, an encouraging realisation, however, that once I. Ali, H. T. Burma and K. M. Rumsjohn have gone, the betting is that there will be very little more run getting in the side.

NAVY STILL WIN

In the Second Division this year all our old idols seem to be revealing the feet of clay. H.K.C.C. second eleven looked pretty fair to me on paper, but they could collect no more than a miserable 85, of which Mitchell, Bishop and Fox made 61 runs between themselves. Apart from a patch of three snappy L.B.W.'s and one run out after the fall of the second wicket, I think the Navy had not much to worry about, though actually they only got 103. They are still on the top of the League table though Craigenower, who personally I think are a better side, can draw level by winning the match that they are in arrears. However, the Navy certainly deserve all the luck they can have as they are fighting a desperate battle with the few people who have not gone down to the Singapore manoeuvres, or perhaps I should say on the southern cruise! I take off my hat to their Secretary.

POLICE WIN

Poor old Army "B" made a gallant struggle of it with the Police, who had one of their good days with the bat. I should very much like to see Pope in big cricket here (if there was any), as he has been doing consistently well in the junior games. Last Saturday, he made 57, took 7 wickets for 58 runs, bowling unchanged. The Police's total of 191 was far too much for the Army, though, after they had lost three wickets cheaply, they died game.

BAD BATTING

The Civil Service, who occupied the laudable position of 9th in the League table (it sounds better that way!) had a setback when they came up against the University. As a matter of fact they were very much out of luck as they had several men away and Hynes had a crooked foot. Even so, up to a period, they did uncommonly well after the University had made a big start. (Incidentally I did not know that my old friend Crawley was a trundler). A last wicket stand however put on about 40 runs and instead of facing a total of just over 100, the C.S.C.C. had to get 152 and that was, and always will be, I fear, beyond. Any way they were unable to obtain more than 61. However I begin to see the beginning of better things in this side. Good luck to them.

THE BATTLE OF THE BLUES

For several years past the annual match between Oxford and Cambridge has provided an extremely interesting game, and on Wednesday



The opening scenes in "Fight For Your Lady", now showing at the Theatre, are those of a wrestling match before an audience of London notables. Jack Oakie is seen as a hard-boiled American, and is co-starred with John Boles. On the stage, Evelyn and Ted Chen, famous Chinese dancers, will present a series of Oriental and western dances.

last probably the most thrilling game of the whole lot was played. In 1937 Oxford won by one wicket, a ball going for four byes and missing the stumps by an inch. This year Oxford won by one run, a hit that might well have reached the boundary had it been pulled a bit more, being brilliantly caught at mid-on. The standard of this match used to be pretty low and in previous days it was usually a question of one or two outstanding players and the rest completely useless. I think Wednesday's game showed more all round talent than has ever been on view. The whole point from the start was whether Oxford's undoubted superiority in batting would turn the scale against the better Cambridge bowling. Cambridge were unlucky in that within 24 hours of the match, three of their best players had to call off. Lloyd had to go up to Canton, J. Barrow was ill, and Man, who had been tried for Cambridge as wicketkeeper and is a useful bat, all had to cry off.

AN EXCELLENT START

Oxford began with Baines and Ride, and they defied the Cambridge bowling for about 16 overs or more. They sent 60 up without loss, but then Ride mistimed one from McLellan (53-1-42). A hard hitting innings marked only by a very close L.B.W. and two or three snicks in the slips early on. Wickets then fell fast for a time. Griffiths went one run for the latter L.B.W. to McLellan for 25. Hawkins and Sayer then put on 26 but at that score Hawkins, who bowled H. Lee two balls later, one run later and Landule was L.B.W. to Hamilton, who bowled three overs to give McLellan a rest. The innings finally closed for 110. Cambridge also started well, and 33 went up before Wooding was bowled by Baines and D'Arcy-Evans.

hung on while another 22 were added, chiefly by McLellan. At 55 D'Arcy-Evans was L.B.W. to Baines, who was bowling very steadily, and then the worst tragedy happened as McLellan got one from Lee on the end of his bat, and the bowler brought off a fine C. and B. How- ever, runs came quietly. Wauchope was bowled at 70, but Wallington and Sargent looked as if they had settled down when the latter was very foolishly run out. (78-5-49). With no change in the score there was an equally silly run out and things looked as dark as possible for the Light Blues. However, Hall and Stock hung on gamely and look the score to 103 before Stock was bowled by Hawkins, whom he had never looked like playing. Five runs later Hall was caught at cover off the bat. Hamilton joined Barron, but after six runs had been scored the latter drove one back tremendously hard at Griffiths and he was brilliantly caught. Lindsay played out the over. With six wanted to win, Hamilton, who had had to wait to reach a leg ball pitched up well, and swept it to long leg. With two runs wanted to win he got hold of a half volley, which was intended to go to mid wicket; unfortunately there was a little extra spin from leg on the ball and he only steered it wide to mid on where Whyatt made a brilliant catch to give Oxford the victory by one run.

It was a delightful game in perfect weather and on one of the best pitches I have ever struck on the Club ground. The Society are very grateful to the Committee of the Hongkong C.C. for the loan of the Pavilion, Uffins, alas, for which Cambridge will have to pay! TO-MORROW'S GAMES There is a pretty full programme

Hull Scores Ten Times At Soccer

Third Division Matches

London, Jan. 13.
Playing at home in the Northern Section of the Third Division in the English Football League to-day, Hull scored ten times against Southport and won finally by 10-1.
In the Southern Section, Newport, at home, lost to Torquay by two goals to nil.

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Newport 0 Torquay 2
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Hull 10 Southport 1
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CRICKET TEAMS SELECTED

Recreio Players For League

The following have been chosen to represent the Club de Recreio 1st and 2nd XI in League games to be played to-morrow commencing at 2 p.m. sharp:

1st XI against I. R. C. (Away).—E. L. Gosano, A. M. Rodrigues, A. M. Prata, W. A. Reed, P. M. N. da Silva, Jr., A. P. Pereira, H. L. Ozorio, E. M. L. Soares, A. V. Gosano, J. E. Noronha and N. Beltrao.

2nd XI against Army "A" (Home).—F. H. Carvalho, E. A. R. Alves, L. G. Gosano, A. E. Noronha, C. P. Basto, R. A. Marques, J. Soares, H. M. Xavier, M. Mendonca, A. A. Lopes and A. N. Other.

to-morrow as there are nine League games down for decision. In the Senior Division the I.R.C. who are at home to Recreio should win their match, but in the others there should be a good struggle. On the Club ground I would back the home side against the Army, but if the latter can put out their full strength they might quite possibly draw the game—or even win it—at Sookonpoo though their bowling is on the weak side. The Civil Service almost always do badly against Craigenower on the ground of the latter Club but it may be the turn of the luck. There is little to choose between the sides. As for the Navy-K.C.C. game it is a question if whether the Navy professors come off, for they will naturally have a very weak side and I shall be surprised if K.C.C. do not win.

JUNIOR DIVISION

Turning to Junior games there should be an excellent dog-fight between University and I.R.C. second. The teams are rather like each other—I don't quite know how to explain it but they are I fear C.S.C.C. will get a hiding from Craigenower and I fancy that the Club second should manage to beat the Army B. Army A should have the better of Recreio, but as for the K.C.C. and Navy match I would not like to forecast! Both can be quite good—or bad!



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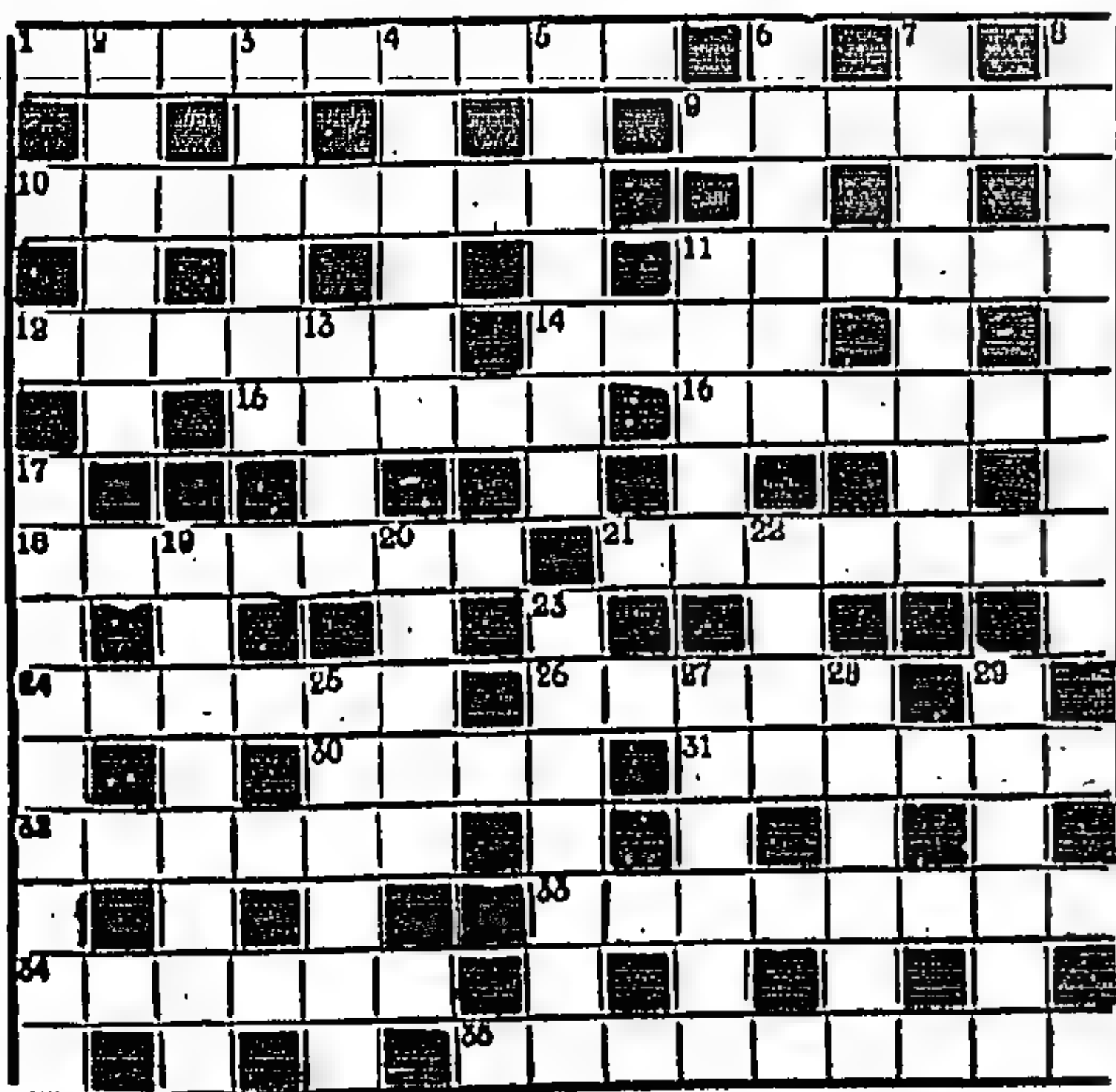
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3 One of those whose base is a game (8).
4 A well-developed part, doubtless of the Village Blacksmith (9).
5 You will find this luggage is in a valley (4).
6 Metal (4).
7 People do not stop long at this town (5).
8 This little Thames-side resort has been the death of many (9).
9 Check (7).
10 Popular drug (7).
11 This trader might come from Ulster (6).
12 Send (5).
13 An essential of music (4).
14 Charm (6).
15 A feature common to good music and poetry (6).
16 Genial (8).
17 "Canter" (anag.) (8).
18 What sounds like mine host's job is harmonious (two words — 2, 7).
DOWN
1 Much in the air at a Rodeo (6).
2 Abecedaria is an example of this sort of word (6).
3 Transference of the vowels would make this bit of a house vegetable (6).
4 Fish that suggests a negro butler, urging his master to eat (7).
5 This is best when a double number (6).

7 This is not so good (8).
8 "Agnes went" (anag.) (9).
9 Sham (5).
10 The sea-angler's only catch? (4).
11 It is a certainty that this person is lying (9).
12 Sounds like Peter Pan's sister, useful in the kitchen (8).
13 A medical preparation (5).
14 You know this ate a prelate (4).
15 Kind of china (7).
16 10 across may have committed breach of these rules (6).
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18 Vegetable (6).
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Romance, Songs & Laughter!

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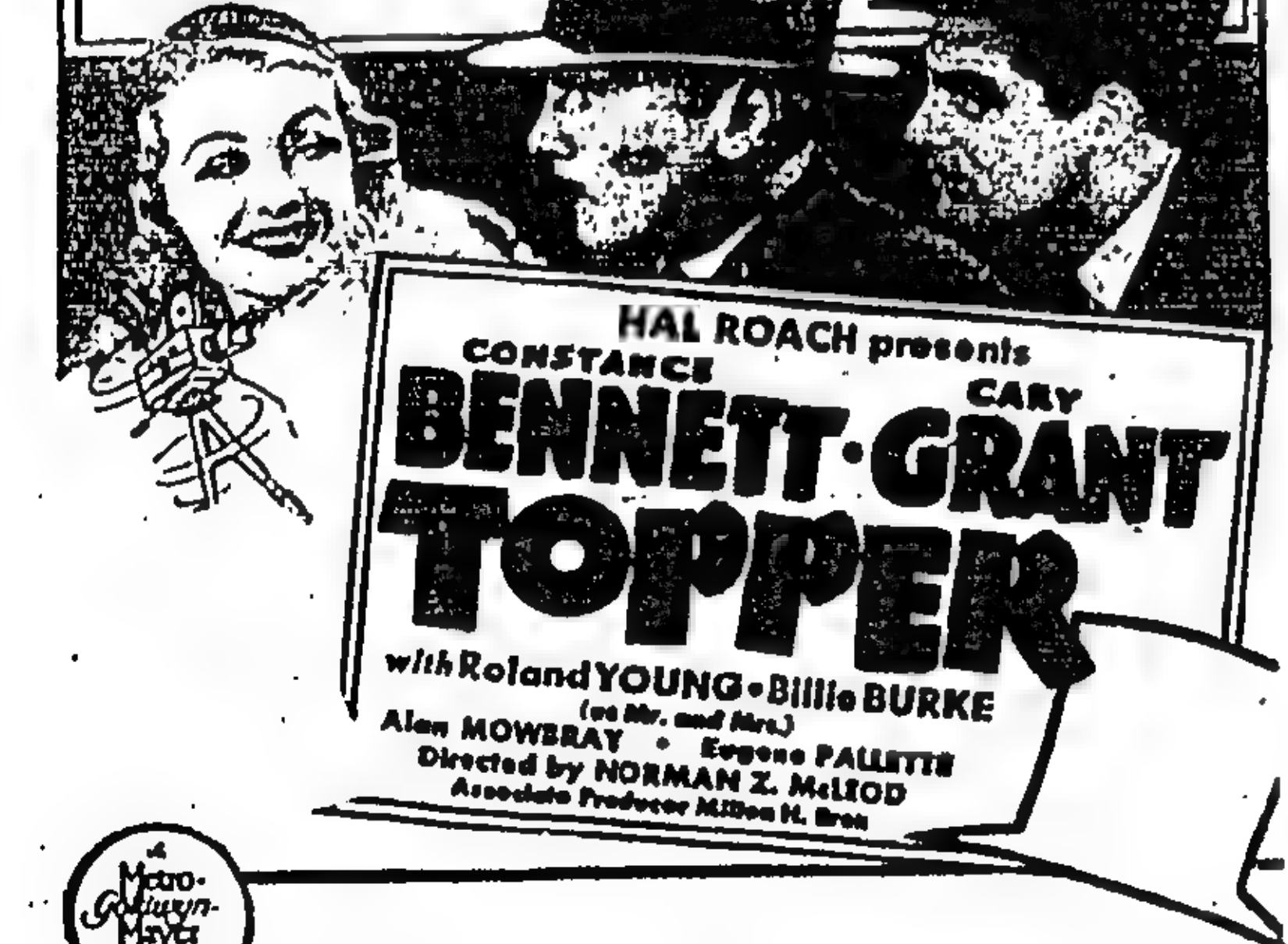
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Kung Declares All Obligations Will Be Met

Hankow, Jan. 13. In an interview with the Press here to-day, Doctor H. H. Kung, Minister of Finance said that "despite the urgent military exigencies and the Government's financial problems, China has lived up to and intends to live up to her obligations by fully and promptly meeting the service of its external and internal obligations."

"The maintenance of China's national credit has been facilitated by the fact that, during recent years, a strong foundation has been laid for China's financial and currency structure, enabling the country to endure a major conflict better than it has done before."

"Moreover, during the first seven months of 1937, all the revenues registered an unprecedented improvement. This was due to the general administration of the revenues which led to an all-round expansion of trade and industry."

"As a result, despite the hostilities, the total Governmental revenue receipts during 1937 exceeded those of the preceding year."

"Had it not been for Japan's aggression and interference China would have been able to balance her budget during the current fiscal year, the common object towards which she has steadfastly laboured."

—United Press.

ALARMIST REPORTS ABROAD

The Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce has issued the following correspondence for publication:

Jan. 8, 1938.

Sir,—Information received from other parts of the world makes it evident that exaggerated and alarmist reports of the alleged perilous conditions prevailing here may injure the trade of the Colony of Hongkong and cause needless anxiety to relatives of residents.

"That such reports are unfounded is well known here and the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce suggests that Government might do much to allay apprehension elsewhere by making a public statement on the subject."

If Government agrees with this suggestion the Chamber of Commerce could propose to publish this letter together with Government's reply. I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,
M. T. JOHNSON
(Chairman).
COLONIAL SECRETARY'S LETTER
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong.

Jan. 12, 1938.

Sir,—I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 8th January, 1938, relative to rumours current abroad that perilous conditions prevail in Hongkong. As your letter goes on to suggest, such reports are baseless. Doubtless they take their rise from the present hostilities between China and Japan. These, however, impart no risk to persons or property in this Colony, nor is there any sound reason to regard such a contingency as likely to occur.

2. I am to add that there is no objection to the publication of this correspondence if thereby any alarm on the part of persons intending to visit or trade with this Colony will be abated.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
N. L. SMITH.
(Colonial Secretary).

BUSINESS MEN TO PARLEY WITH ROOSEVELT

Washington, Jan. 13. Mr. Daniel Roper, Secretary of Commerce, has announced that 50 members of the Business Advisory Council will attend the conference with Mr. Franklin D. Roosevelt on January 18.

The Council has been making an exhaustive study of American business recession and it is expected to make definite recommendations to the President.—Reuter Special.

Britain's Ambassador Takes Action

Tokyo, Jan. 14. The British Ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie, had an hour's talk with the Japanese Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs yesterday. It is understood that the conversations referred to the recent Shanghai incidents in which British police officers were assaulted by Japanese soldiers.

It is reported that discussion on the navigation of the Yangtze between the British Ambassador and the Foreign Office was suspended until further reports have been received from Shanghai.—Reuter Bulletin.

CHINESE MYSTIFY ENEMY

Japanese Puzzled By Withdrawal Steady Retreat Southward

Peking, Jan. 14. The Japanese military authorities profess to be mystified by the sudden withdrawal of Chinese forces from positions they had held for several weeks south of Tuiyuan, particularly at Tingyoo and Lingshih, where there has been no fighting for some time.

The Japanese have launched no offensive, but several thousands of Chinese troops began to withdraw southward.

Japanese military forces also reported that most of the Central Government troops which had been in Shansi for some months had now withdrawn south of the Yellow River in Honan province, leaving south Shansi in the hands of provincial and communist troops.

Mr. Masayuki Tani, lately Japanese Minister to Vienna, who is considered as possible High Commissioner to the Peiping Government if the Japanese recognition of the Chiang Kai-shek regime is withdrawn, arrived at Peking yesterday evening.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Arabs Killed And Wounded In Round-Up

But Gang Leader Escapes

Jerusalem, Jan. 13. One Arab was killed, one seriously wounded and another captured when a British police force surrounded houses near Hebron where an armed gang of Arabs, believed to be that which murdered Mr. J. L. Starkey, the British archaeologist, had its headquarters.

One British police officer was slightly injured during the fight. The head of the gang escaped, but dogs are at present hard on his trail.—Reuter Bulletin.

AERIAL ACTIVITY AT TERUEL

Desperate Fighting Continues

Hondaye, Jan. 13. The Nationalists resumed terrific aerial bombings of the Teruel front to-day, and Government reports state that insurgent planes bombed military objectives as well as open towns and villages behind the Loyalist lines.

The insurgents claim that the Loyalists' aviation has been equally active. However, they claim to have brought down six Loyalist planes.

Desperate fighting is reported on the outskirts of Teruel, especially near Lamuela-Deteruel, the principal objective of the Loyalists. The Government forces claim to have continued flanking movements "slowly, in the face of steady resistance."—United Press.

PANAY WON'T BE SALVAGED

TOO BADLY DAMAGED TO TEMPT WORK

Shanghai, Jan. 14. Salvage operations on the U.S.S. Panay which was sunk in the Yangtze on December 12, have been abandoned and the U.S.S. Oahu and the tug Saucy, which were engaged in the work, have left for Holsien. The Oahu is proceeding to Nanking and the Saucy is returning to Shanghai.

Divers recovered part of some movable material, including the paymaster's "all officers' papers and a small part of the crew's personal property."

The Panay is lying in sand and mud which reached almost to the superstructure of the deckhouse. The bridge structure, engine-room and mast were destroyed or badly holed, and salvage workers found a maindeck hole about 14 inches in diameter, as well as a seven foot diameter hole in the bottom of the vessel on the leeward side. The bottom plating was also cracked and it was therefore considered uneconomical to attempt to salvage the vessel.—Reuter.

It is reliably reported that the Panay's paymaster's safe containing \$30,000 has been salvaged.—United Press.

FAIR VOLUME OF BUSINESS

GILT-EDGED MARKET FIRM IN LONDON

London, Jan. 13. Gilt-edged securities were firm on the London Stock Exchange, and there was a fair volume of French refugee buying. Far Eastern bonds recovered after yesterday's marking down. Otherwise the market generally was narrow and irregular with the French political situation and Far Eastern developments restricting business.

Commodities and rubber were firmer on Continental and speculative trade buying. Base metals were easier in sympathy with Wall Street.

On the foreign exchange, the French franc was weak owing to rumours of the possible resignation of the Government.

Wall Street was quietly easier.—Reuter Special.

German War Minister's Bride Unidentified

Berlin, Jan. 13. Count von Blomberg, German War Minister, was married to-day to Fräulein Gräfin von Herr Adolf Hitler and General Hermann Goering as witnesses.

It was a private ceremony and the bride remains unidentified, officials being silent concerning her.—United Press.

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LOITERER SENT TO PRISON

The suspicious actions of Lo Kam-yun, 19, unemployed, at Queen's Road West about 3.25 a.m. to-day, led to his arrest by Indian constable B244. Lo later appeared before Mr. Forrest at the Central Magistracy, charged with loitering, and with possession of an instrument fit for an unlawful purpose, namely, a penknife.

Inspector W. Mair, who prosecuted, said the constable was patrolling in Queen's Road West when he saw the two men, one of whom was defendant. As the constable approached, one of the men immediately ran away, but defendant was chased and intercepted by a Chinese constable. Taking him back to the place where he was first seen, the police found a large quantity of Chinese dried sausages, worth about \$50, outside the doorway of a shop, but there was no evidence that defendant had stolen them.

Defendant denied the loitering charge, but after evidence had been given by the two policemen, he was convicted, and sentenced, to three months' hard labour. He had a previous conviction. The second charge was dismissed.

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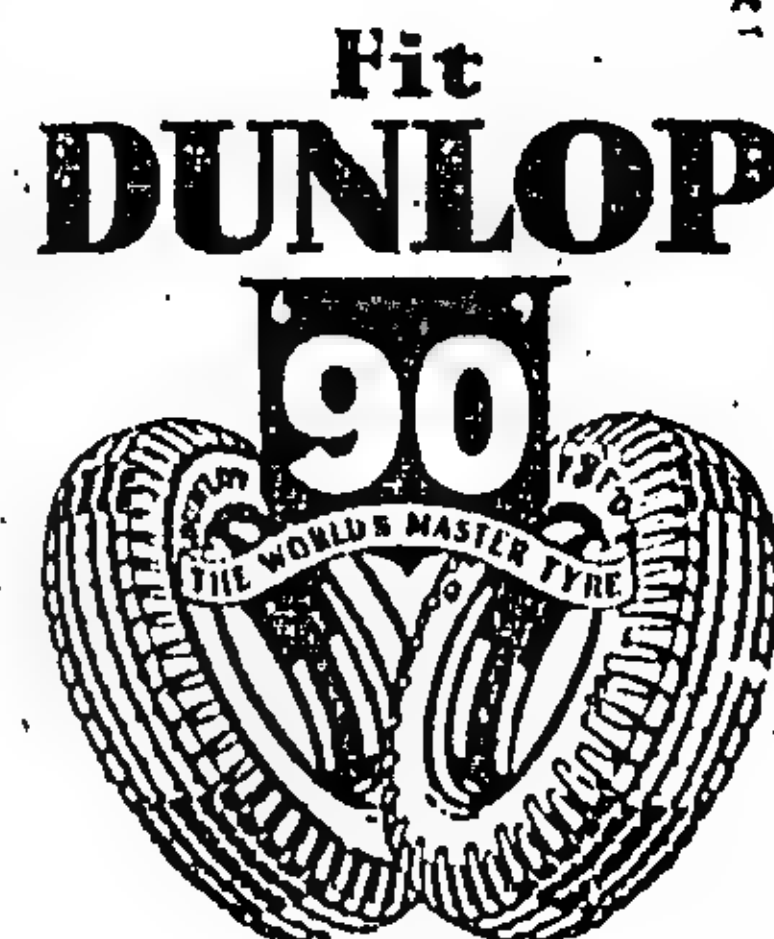
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JAPAN TOO BUSY TO INVADE S. CHINA

CANTON EXPECTS NO ATTACK FOR THREE MONTHS

Meanwhile South-West Defences Strengthened

Canton, Jan. 14.

The threat to South China is not likely to be renewed for at least three months, according to certain observers, who are of the opinion that the liquidation of the North China issues will keep the Japanese fully occupied. Meanwhile the two "Kwang" provinces are improving their defences. It is also hinted that the number of Kwangtung troops is far larger than is generally realised.

Meanwhile with the exception of a depressed business outlook and monotonous air raid alarms, Canton is carrying on almost normally.

Considerable road-building is taking place all over the province and even more so across the border of Kwangsi where a number of roads of strategic importance are being rapidly constructed by thousands of coolies, who work anti-like day and night.

Due to hostilities the construction of the railway to Hanyang connecting Kwelin with Hankow is being rushed and is expected to be completed in July and to be of immense military importance.

KWANGSI'S NATURAL AIR RAID SHELTERS

A foreign Consul who has returned from Kwangsi declares that the peoples are inclined to take a detached view of the present struggle, but he adds that they are thoroughly anti-Japanese and remain loyal to their absent leaders, Li Chung-jen and Pei Chung-shih, who are at present at the fighting front.

Geographically Kwangsi is tucked away safely and is only worried by occasional raids from which the inhabitants of the villages find adequate shelter in the natural caves on the hillsides, which the military authorities have converted into organised dug-outs, vastly superior to the town variety.

The industrial programme in Kwangsi has temporarily slowed down due to the hostilities, but it is now confined chiefly to armaments, and all the arsenals are working feverishly.—*Reuter*.

ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION RE-ORGANISED

London, Jan. 14.
Sir Frederick Whyte has been appointed Director-General of the English-Speaking Union of the British Empire, which is being re-organised.—*Reuter*.

STOP PRESS NEWS

OUTER MONGOLIA MUSTERS

(Special to "Telegraph")

Hankow, Jan. 14.
Central Government authorities have received a telegram from Linfen which quotes a returned Chinese merchant as stating that 10,000 troops from Outer Mongolia are now stationed at Pailingmiao in Suiyuan Province.

At another place 150 miles north of Pailingmiao there are another 10,000 Mongolian troops stationed.

The Sao Tang Pao, the Chinese Army's organ, says: "Since Outer Mongolia started war operations the Japanese troops at Tientsin and Peiping are moving towards the border regions of Manchuria and Inner Mongolia.

"It is predicted that a big change is occurring in North China's political situation."

The Central Press claims Chinese troops have captured Tsingling from the Japanese, though they lost it only two days ago.—*United Press*.

HOW U.S. PRESIDENT MET CRISIS

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Memorandum handed to the Secretary of State at 12:30 P. M., December 13, 1937.

Please tell the Japanese Ambassador when you see him at one o'clock:

1. That the President is deeply shocked and concerned by the news of indiscriminate bombing of American and other non-Chinese vessels on the Yangtze, and that he suggests that the Emperor be so advised.
2. That all the facts are being assembled and will shortly be presented to the Japanese Government.
3. That in the meantime it is hoped the Japanese Government will be considering definitely for presentation to this Government:
 - a. Full expressions of regret and proffer of full compensation;
 - b. Methods guaranteeing against a repetition of any similar attack in the future.

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PRESIDENT'S MEMORANDUM—President Roosevelt, through diplomatic channels, put his demand for full satisfaction for the Panyu bombing squarely up to Emperor Hirohito of Japan himself. Here is the President's memorandum to the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, in which the President stated he expected full expression of regret and compensation from Japan.

SUN FO'S MISSION EXPLAINED

Will Not Be New Ambassador To Moscow

Amsterdam, Jan. 13.
Mr. Sun Fo arrived here and was received officially at the aerodrome by diplomats, including Dr. Wellington Koo, Mr. Qoo Tai-chi, Ambassador to London, Mr. Tsai Tai, Ambassador to Brussels, and Mr. Albert Plesman, President of the K.L.M.

Before Mr. Sun Fo entered his rooms on the third floor of the Carlton Hotel, detectives investigated everything and obtained credentials from all guests on the same floor.

Dr. Koo emphatically denied that Mr. Sun Fo would become Ambassador to Moscow, and pointed out that he came to Europe accompanied by a group of Chinese Government officials, as it was "Mr. Fo's intention to visit several of the European capitals in order to get a direct impression of the situation and to ascertain the attitude of the governments in the various European countries vis-a-vis the Chinese cause, including Russia. But he will not stay there as Ambassador."

Dr. Koo admitted that Mr. Sun Fo was on a special mission, but he was not in a position to reveal its nature. It is expected the party will remain in Holland for two or three weeks in order to confer with Chinese representatives in Paris, London, Brussels, Prague and The Hague.—*United Press*.

Thousands Injured By Japan Bombs

Canton, Jan. 14.
Two flights of Japanese planes; a total of 13, bombed Yuenfong and other stations on the Hankow-Canton railway line this morning.

Yesterday more than 40 bombs were dropped on the Shanhang-Yingtak and Kwatin stations in the same area.

It is reported that thousands of casualties occurred.

Sixty feet of track were destroyed and the Kwatin station was completely demolished.—*United Press*.

Warm Weather Checks Spread Of Smallpox

Mass Vaccination Still Goes On

Three cases of small-pox reported to the local health authorities yesterday bring the total since the beginning of the year to 52.

Warmer weather experienced during the past two days is responsible for a decrease in the incidence compared with last week.

Mass vaccination is still being carried out by St. John Ambulance Brigade in preparation for the colder weather that may come in the near future. Vaccination of employees at the Navy Dockyards was completed yesterday, and vaccination of Government employees was commenced to-day. Approximately 1,000 persons are being vaccinated free every day.

Of the three cases reported yesterday, two occurred in the Victoria residential area and one in Kowloon. In addition there were three cases of dysentery, two cases of typhoid and one case of meningitis reported for the 24 hours ended midnight.

Lord Horne Comforts Magnates

Sees No Slump, But Prosperity

London, Jan. 13.
"I see no signs of a slump," declared Viscount Horne addressing industrialists in Birmingham when referring to the figures, published yesterday, showing that the greatest volume of internal and external trade had been done since 1930.

He said commodity prices rose too high early in 1937 and the recent drop had unduly disturbed the markets. But he believed they would soon recover.

He considered President Roosevelt's announced intention to control commodity prices was a great disaster to world prosperity which depended on good prices, but he believed America would revert from that attitude and the world would return to the position it occupied in the middle of 1937.—*Reuter Special*.

MADAME CHIANG DELAYS RETURN

Apprehensive Of Attack By Japan's Airmen

REMAINING HERE SEVERAL DAYS

"Madame Chiang Kai-shek's visit to Hongkong has absolutely no political significance.

"She is visiting this British Colony for two reasons. The chief reason is that she wished to see her sisters, Madame Sun Yat-sen and Madame H.H. Kung. The other reason is that it was imperative that she obtained a period of rest—however short—from the arduous duties she had to undertake in China."

This was part of the statement made to the Hongkong Telegraph this morning in an exclusive interview with an important member of Madame Chiang Kai-shek's entourage.

Madame Chiang Kai-shek, wife and loyal aide to the leader of China's 480,000,000 people, arrived in Hongkong on Wednesday afternoon by the Eurasia Aviation Corporation's plane from Hankow.

Accompanying Madame Chiang Kai-shek on the flight were, in addition to several officials, Mr. W. H. Donald, Australian adviser to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, and Capt. J. M. McHugh, Assistant American Naval Attaché at Hankow.

The Telegraph has been informed from impeccable sources that Captain McHugh's inclusion in Madame Chiang Kai-shek's party has no political significance whatever.

Captain McHugh has been suffering from severe eye trouble, and is visiting Hongkong to seek the advice of a specialist.

GENEROUS OFFER
"When he heard that I intended visiting Hongkong to seek advice, Madame Chiang Kai-shek graciously permitted me to accompany her by plane," Capt. McHugh told a Telegraph representative last night.

The member of Madame Chiang Kai-shek's entourage interviewed by the Telegraph this morning revealed that the party would return to Hankow within three or four days.

"Efforts were made to keep the visit to Hongkong secret because of the danger to Madame from Japanese airplanes," he said.

"Our original intention was to return to Hankow by plane on Monday." (Continued on Page 4.)

BIGGER NAVY FOR AMERICA

Mr. Cordell Hull's Plans Revealed

Washington, Jan. 13.
Rear-Admiral William Leahy, Chief of the U.S. Naval Staff, in a statement to-day indicated that the first necessity was revision of the Vinson-Trammell Bill regarding restriction in naval construction, and authority for additional construction, leaving details as to types of vessels to a later date.

Meanwhile, it is understood Mr. Cordell Hull is recommending two additional battleships, bringing the total to six, including two under construction, and two provided in the 1939 budget estimates, which Mr. Hull is said to believe would be the most effective way of impressing upon Japan the United States' determination to maintain her rights and interests in the Orient.

It is learned that both army and navy leaders are advocating additional anti-aircraft guns for both services.—*United Press*.

SOCIALISTS QUIT GOVERNMENT WHEN COMMUNISTS BOLT

Popular Front Weathered Early Crisis After Long Debates

Paris, Jan. 14.

The French Cabinet has fallen.

The resignation of the Government was due to the resignation of the Socialist Ministers from the Cabinet. This was preceded by a dramatic incident in the Chamber, when the Communist leader declared that his party would only vote for the Government in order to maintain the Popular Front.

M. Camille Chautemps, the Premier, replied: "In that case, I give the Communist Party full freedom of action."

The Socialist Party then retired from the Chamber and the Socialist Ministers finally decided that their position was untenable.—*Reuter*.

SURVIVES EARLY CRISIS

Paris, Jan. 13.

M. Chautemps' Government survived the parliamentary crisis to-night when shortly before midnight, 149 Socialist deputies announced they were supporting the Premier, thereby assuring him of a vote of confidence.

Meanwhile a Communist delegation requested M. Chautemps to soften his earlier denouncement of labour agitators by throwing some of the blame on the employers and capitalists for refusing to confer regarding the proposed statute for permanent settling labour disputes.

In the meantime 1,500 transport workers demonstrated in the streets, singing the "Internationale" and shouting "Gilmour to the Gallows" referring to M. C. J. Gilmour, President of the Employers' Syndicate, who refused to confer in the labour truce. The demonstrators clashed with the police in the Boulevard Poissonniere, where they fought with fists before being dispersed.

It is unconfirmedly rumoured that the Government has planned to close the Bourse on Friday and has requested Britain and the United States (Continued on Page 4.)

FRANCE'S FINANCES STRAINED

But Prime Minister Not Alarmed

Paris, Jan. 14.

It is reported here that the emergency "400,750,000 Exchange Stabilisation now remains. It is alleged that in the past five days France has spent \$198,300,000 to keep the franc pegged below 30 to the U.S. dollar, and 150 to the pound sterling.

However, M. Camille Chautemps, the Prime Minister, reviewing the Treasury and social situations, insisted in the Chamber of Deputies that he was optimistic. "I declare there is nothing in France's financial situation which can justify the present alarm."

The Treasury is able to meet all its debts of the first quarter. The Budget has been balanced. If the Bank of France statement shows an increase in loans to the Treasury the Minister of Finance can explain them reasonably.—*United Press*.

Bible Not Infallible

Vital Statement By Church Commission

London, Jan. 14.

The report of the commission appointed by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York in 1922 to consider the Christian doctrine with a view to demonstrating the extent of agreement within the Anglican church, and investigating how far differences can be removed or diminished, has now been published.

It challenges traditional beliefs at several points, and rejects the infallibility of the Bible, saying its authority must not prejudice investigation in any field. It regards historical evidence for the virgin birth as inconclusive and declares that the literalistic belief in physical resurrection of the dead must be rejected.

On the other hand it declares the resurrection of Christ was an event as real and concrete as the crucifixion.

The Commission is divided with regard to whether miracles occur, but is agreed that God can work miracles if He pleases.

The Commission says that no objection to the theory of evolution can be drawn from the Creation narratives of Genesis.

Educated Christians agree that these are of mythological origin and their value for us is symbolic rather than historical.—*Reuter*.

Lloyd's Lose £750,000 On Pres. Hoover

Valuable Cargo Also May Be Lost

Lloyd's underwriters in London will be involved in a loss of £750,000 as a result of the abandonment as a total loss of the Dollar liner President Hoover.

The wreck of the President Hoover, 21,935 tons, is lying off Holsbo Island, Formosa. The total loss on this ship is £1,000,000 and a further substantial sum is involved if valuable cargo aboard cannot be salvaged. A conservative estimate places the total value of the ship and cargo at £1,500,000.

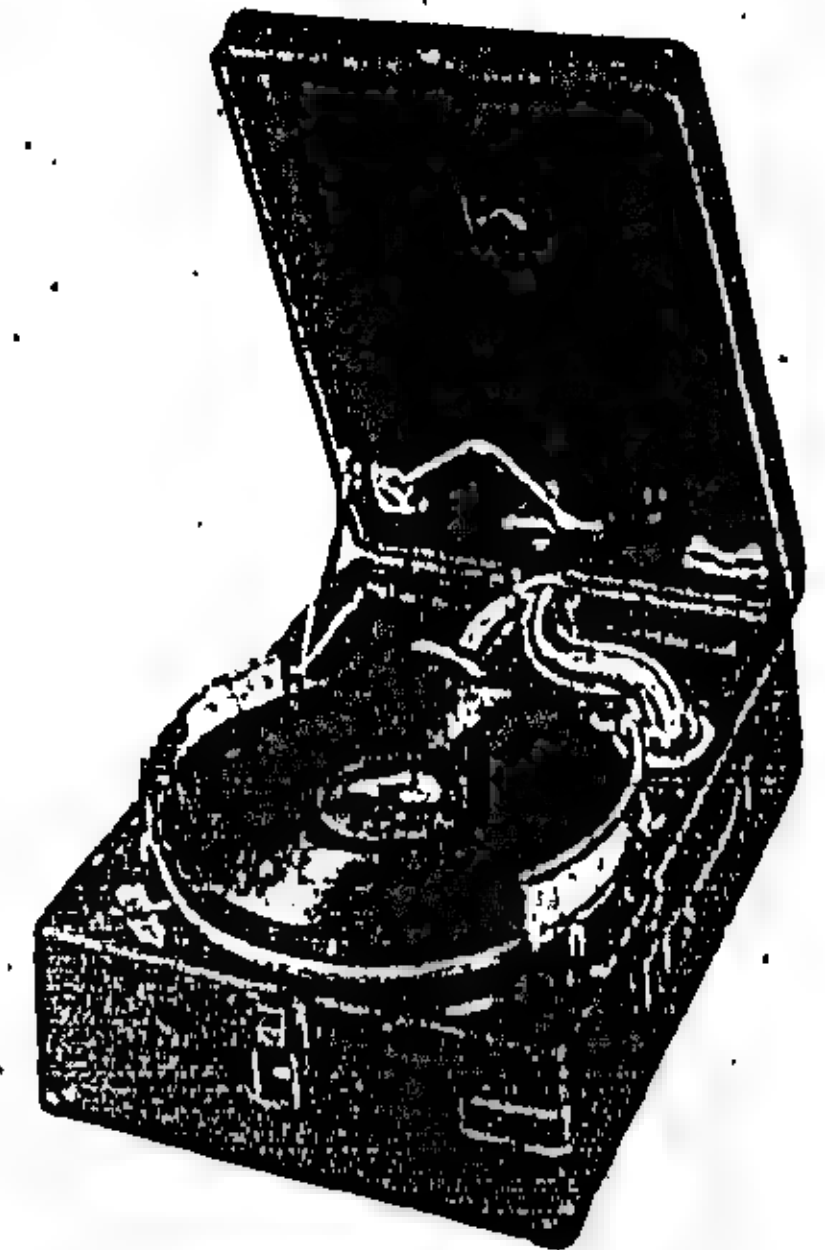
Of this total half was placed with Lloyd's underwriters, the balance being placed in the United States.

London underwriters had a black week between Christmas and the New Year when, in addition to the President Hoover, the Blue Star liner Stuart Star, ground off East London, South Africa, was abandoned as a total wreck. The two wrecks involve London insurance underwriters in losses approaching £2,000,000.

Last year was not a particularly bright one for marine insurance underwriters either. In November the Court liner Nollington Court, 6,097 tons, was lost off Santa Domingo, and on December 7 the Quarrington Court, 6,900 tons, of the same line, foundered in the Gulf of Suez. The hull insurance on these vessels totalled about £200,000 from heavy insurance on cargo.

Apart from these vessels have been several big casualties.

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The lovely traditional wedding dress which Lady Winifred Cecil, Lady in Waiting to the Duchess of Gloucester, wore for her marriage to Lord Hotham on December 16. Tinting made it of magnolia white satin, with lines converging to a shirred choux of the same fabric, setting for a huge flower spray of family diamonds.

LEADING LADY

in silk, satin
muslin—or wool?

THE emotions being involved, fur usually flies over the choice of a wedding dress. This is because: (a) There's more in it than meets the eye. "The veiled victim" is how unkind cynics often describe the all-white bride. (b) Sisters, mothers, cousins and aunts tend to forget that, after all, it's not their wedding. (c) The bride wants her own way, but is often not clear what her own way is.

Thus, in order to put her case clearly to hysterical relatives, she may well assemble the following relevant facts for and against a traditional white wedding.

FOR TRADITION

An essential part of the ritual is that the bride should wear white. If she does not, why be married in church at all?

When a girl gets married, she doesn't want to draw attention to herself by being very unconventional in her choice of wedding dress; after all, the outward form of marriage ceremony is in itself conventional: why not observe it?

And the relatives will be so upset not to see dear Julie in white: why not for one day agree to be a victim to family pride? Does it matter so much either way?

AGAINST

The essentials of the ceremony are not in any way affected by what you wear. You are just as well and truly married in a plain suit as in a cloud of tulle.

That being so, there is no reason at all why white is better than any other colour.

As for the relatives, it's not their wedding, however much they may think so. And the bride who begins by playing juvenile lead instead of leading lady at her own wedding may continue in that minor role all her life.

COMPROMISE

What will happen in the end is that there will be a compromise. Julie, having sworn to be married at 8 o'clock in the morning with no fuss and wearing a suit, will finally consent to have a white frock, though not necessarily one "cut on classic lines."

After all, it is true that an over-romantic wedding dress is perhaps a little "stagey." There could be nothing lovelier than the traditional type of creamy satin bride's frock, like this one, sketched at the left, made by Tintling for Lady Winifred Cecil. It is a dress that accentuates dignity and simplicity: a good lead to follow for any bride.

On the other hand, coloured wedding dresses, or dresses of unusual cut, are being worn. Many of the great houses show misty blue, or dove grey, or silvered rose wedding dresses. And Tintling (who has always been a champion of the bride, and fights many battles against adamant relatives, so that she can have exactly what she wants) is making a gold dress for one beautiful dark girl. And she will carry red roses. But she will be veiled from head to foot in gold net. A lovely idea for an unusual exotic sort of person.

Motley made recently a wedding dress of peach damask, and another of palest butter yellow moire: so colour has really come to stay.

WOOL

If colour is a stumbling block, one can choose to be unconventional in choice of fabric. Motley, being a firm of young theatrical designers who know about clothes in relation to their setting, use a great deal of wool and cotton for wedding dresses.

White face-cloth, for example, falls into beautiful folds, and has the dramatic quality very necessary for a dress which is viewed from a distance.

One of their loveliest dresses was of white face-cloth cut on very flared princess lines, with pinked edges. A hot idea for the cold weather bride! With white directoire suits the bridesmaids carried bunches of cut felt flowers in autumn colours.

COTTON

The bride who can't afford to spend a frightful lot on her dress will like the modern feeling for cottons.

Our second sketch shows Motley's romantic young bride's dress of white lisse, with cotton bobbles from a white curtain fringe sewn all over it.

And, believe it or not, the bridesmaids' dresses were made of old-fashioned striped curtain muslin, with skirts in full sail, tiny, tiny bodices and sleeves, and high waistline slashed with lime yellow felt. Wide leghorn hats wreathed in pink and yellow felt flowers completed the delicious rustic flavour of this wedding cortege.

COMBINING
whiteness and
brightness: fluffy
cotton dots on a
transparent lisse
dress by Motley.



Are You A Cruel-to-be-Kind Mother?

YOU often hear the phrase used when a child has been punished for something or other, "Sometimes you must be cruel to be kind, you know!" This is perfectly true, and as it should be. The great trouble with so many modern parents today is that they alter the process—they are cruel by being kind!

The other day I had the painful experience of listening to the woes of a mother whose only child—a daughter—had just left home.

Her mother had, it seemed, taken exception to the friendships she had formed, and the daughter had said, "Very well, mother, if you choose to take things like that..." And the next morning she had packed her things and gone!

"She went," the mother told me "without a thought for me at all! So far as she is concerned I don't seem to exist now. And this is my reward for a lifetime of care and devotion. Ever since she was born I have slaved and sacrificed for her. She has never had to wait for anything essential in her whole life.

Sacrifice All Along the Line

"I have always seen that she had nice, pretty clothes. I have given up my own amusements, neglected my own friends for her sake. I have the child the idea that she and she alone, was the centre of the domestic universe. And now she had repaid me for her just reward.

myself gladly and uncomplainingly. She has never been given any idea of the struggle it has been to rear and educate her. And now, she leaves me like this! What can have made her do it—what can have turned her from the dear child she was into the selfish, heartless girl she has become?"

The mother was sincere, but she had no idea that she had actually answered her own question.

She, and none other, had made her daughter "selfish and heartless." She had never realised the truth of that old adage "An unselfish mother makes a selfish child."

Had I told her (as I was tempted to do) that what had happened was her own fault, and that instead of being the perfect mother she had imagined herself to be, she had actually been a cruel parent, she would have been amazed and shocked.

She had deliberately kept "the hard and ugly facts of life" away from the girl. She had made her life easy in every respect and never let her dream that one day a time would come when she would no longer have a mother to fetch and carry for her. She had deliberately set herself in the background as a creature of no importance, and given the child the idea that she and she alone, was the centre of the domestic universe. And now she had repaid me for her just reward.

But the cruelty lay in the fact that now her daughter had started life on her own, and what a terrible awakening lay before her!

This was the fault of the devoted mother, not the "selfish child."

Parents' Most Common Mistake

Perhaps the most common, and certainly the most dangerous, of all the mistakes made by the short-sighted parent is this business of "protecting" and "sheltering" the child. And this applies more particularly if it happens to be an only child.

The business of bringing up a child entails, or should entail, infinitely more than merely seeing that its health is good and that its physical needs are met. The first and most urgent duty laid upon a parent is to prepare the child for facing life, for making its own way in the world.

The first lesson any child should learn is the lesson of "give-and-take." You will make sacrifices for it, that is quite right, it is your duty to do so.

Most conscientious parents labour under a sort of superstition that it is their duty to give all for their children and to exact nothing in return, and for this dangerous folly their excuse is that a child "is only young once."

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The mistake lies in failing to way is not being kind to them; it is realise that the main business of a being cruel. Some mothers delight in making have a good time (though that is an sacrifice for their children, but they essential in reasonable moderation), should be sure that they are sacrificing themselves and not actually tending them in this by pampering and the child. sheltering them in every possible

Christine Ferrier.

Joan Beringer's Fifteen Minutes for Beauty

3. MANICURE

THIS is your third-day treatment—first was on Wednesday, second yesterday. Cut this out round the dotted line and paste it on cardboard. Then hang it up somewhere convenient for future reference.

You will need:—

A bowl of soapy water and a towel.—Polish remover.—Cuticle softener and nail cleanser.—Varnish and enamel polish or powder.—Cuticle cream or oil.—Emery board.—Orange stick.—Cottonwool.—Buffer.

Don't Forget

- That unless your hands are long and thin you cannot wear dark polishes.
- That if the fingers are short, nails must be filed to almond shape and varnish applied from cuticle to tip, but not quite to sides of nail.
- If the nails are too large for beauty, merest line uncoloured should be left right round—sides, tips half-moons.

BEGIN your manicure by removing every trace of old polish.

With the rough side of an emery board, file the nails, not too closely, from sides to centre. Work out the rough edges from beneath the nail with an orange stick, and finish off until perfectly smooth with the other side of the emery board.

Dip fingers in bowl of warm, soapy water, and leave for two minutes. Dry well. Wrap cottonwool round orange stick, dip in cuticle remover and press back cuticle. Don't break cuticle or bruise nail. Cleanse beneath the tips with this liquid.

Now for an expert touch which many women omit, but which will make all the difference to the sparkle of your varnish. Apply an enamel polish and buff really well before applying your varnish.

Varnish must go on swiftly, evenly, in direct strokes from cuticle to tip. Never use enough varnish on the brush to do with nails at once. Rest and relax while your finger tips dry. Then a final touch of the enamel polish, rub them up again with a silk handkerchief over the palm of the other hand. The warmth gives a wonderful lustre.

Now, and not before, just touch the cuticles with cuticle oil to keep them supple . . . and you have beauty at your finger tips.

COUNT THE
"TELEGRAPHS"
EVERYWHERE

Neighbours Gossip Leads To Gruesome Discovery In Utah MARRIED FORMER HUSBAND'S SLAYER

Divorced From Man Who Was Murdered

St. George, Utah, Jan. 1.
Mrs. Charles Bosshard recently learned the truth about her two husbands: her first husband was slain and buried in an abandoned well near her home and for two years she has been married to the man who killed him.

She thought Spencer Malan deserted her nearly three years ago, leaving her on their sheep ranch with a son, 8 years old. Malan often had threatened to go away when he was angry. So it was with bitterness in her heart that she had a court give her a divorce from a man who was dead. Soon after she married Bosshard, who was very kind to her and the boy after Malan disappeared.

ADMIT SLAYING

Her brother, George Schaeffer, knew all the time what happened to Malan. He helped Bosshard carry the body to the well. Both Bosshard and Schaeffer have now admitted the slaying and were recently arraigned on a charge of murder.

It happened on the night of March 17, 1935, after a dance and drinking party that ended at the Malan ranch house. There was a fight, the kind of a fight that might start anywhere when men are drinking, Schaeffer said in his confession. The fact that it happened out on an isolated ranch enabled them to dispose of Malan's body and keep his death a secret for so long.

This was Schaeffer's story: "When we got home after the dance, Penny (Malan), Eva (Mrs. Malan) and I went inside and Bosshard went to get his horse so he could ride out to his sheep camp. Penny went out and pretty soon Bosshard asked me to come out.

"GUESS I KILLED HIM"
"He said Malan had attacked him while he was getting his horse. 'I guess I've killed him, I don't know,' he told me. I said we ought to tell the authorities, but we didn't. We loaded the body in my car and put it in a well."

How had they been able to keep it a secret? Sheriff Antoine H. Prince asked.
"The reason I kept it a secret was that I helped put the body away and that has been troubling me ever since," Schaeffer replied.

He said he had not even told either of his two former wives or his present wife about it, "because the nearest of them lived so far away, and they had heard the talk about Malan threatening to run away, and assumed he had done so."

WIFE CONVINCED

So Bosshard and the brother-in-law convinced Mrs. Malan that her husband had deserted her, and all three of them spread that word among the neighbours, Schaeffer said. The question remained as to who finally did reveal the truth. Sheriff Prince would only say that he had heard "rumours," and that he questioned Bosshard and got a confession.

Schaeffer said he "didn't talk, and would like to know who did." It wasn't Bosshard; he was certain, and nobody else was supposed to know about it.

The only solution seemed to be that the neighbours' gossip had been spread around until it developed into a suspicion, and that the sheriff had nothing more than that to work on. Bosshard took the sheriff to the well where they had thrown the body, but it had caved in and the body wasn't found.

Bosshard said that he married Mrs. Malan because he felt a sense of responsibility for her and the child. He is 25 and she is several years his senior.—United Press.

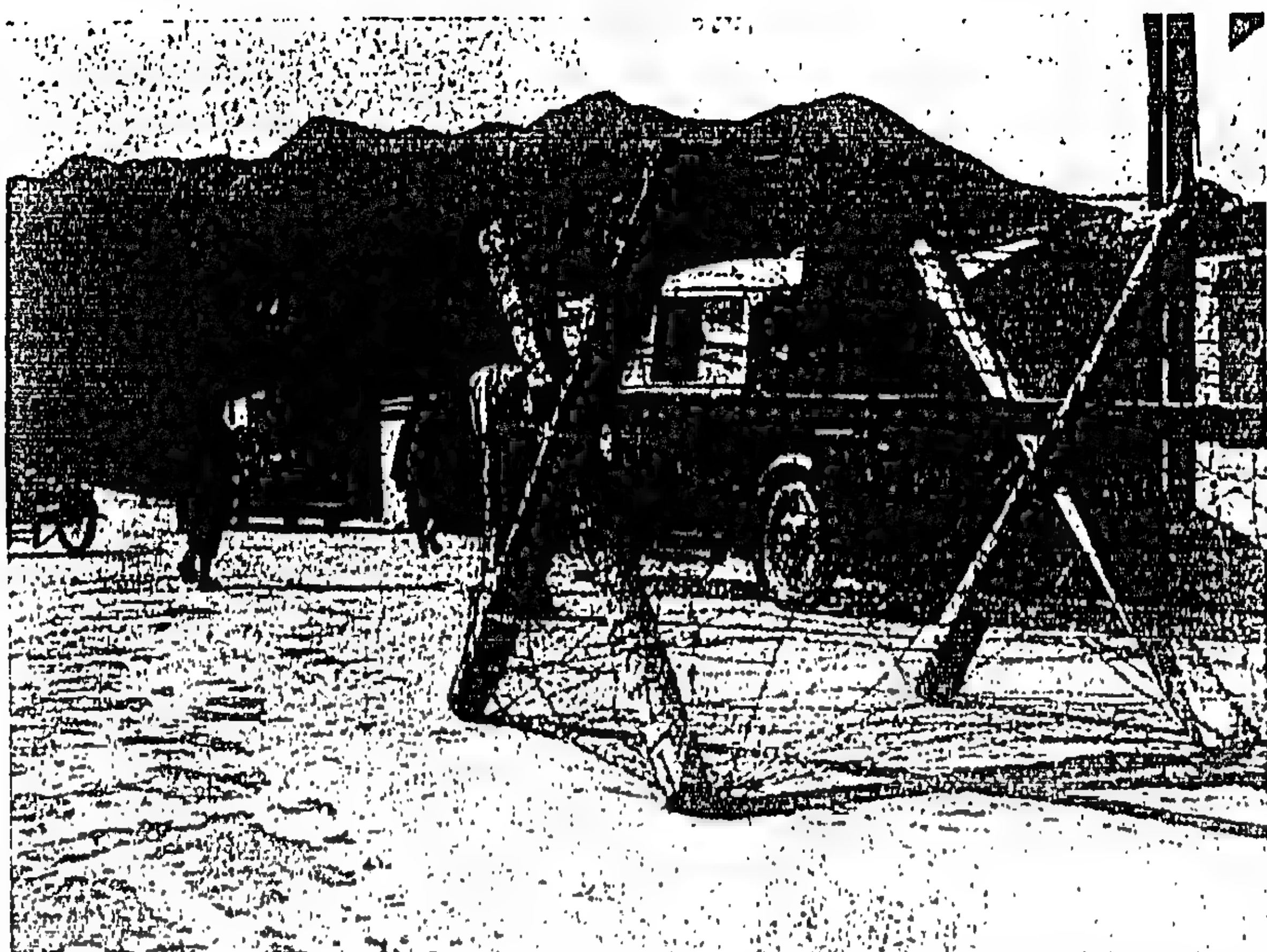
2,170 DIED

Albany, N. Y.
The Motor Vehicle Bureau announced recently that 2,170 persons were killed in New York State in highway accidents from January 1 to September 30.

An accident occurred every six and a half minutes with a death every three hours, statisticians reported. Accidents numbered 69,181 in which 79,262 persons were injured.

The accident and death total showed an increase of 324 deaths, 4,350 accidents and 6,818 injuries over the same period of 1936.—United Press.

READY FOR BORDER REFUGEES



BARBED-WIRE ENTANGLEMENTS at Shataukok, on the Hongkong-Kwangtung frontier. Barricades have been erected at frontier outposts to deal with the refugee problem should it arise.

KINGSFORD-SMITH LEFT- EPIC TALE OF FLIGHTS

Air Adventures Across World

WASHINGTON, JAN. 1.

SIR CHARLES KINGSFORD-SMITH, LOST IN THE BENIGAL SEA, LEFT TO POSTERITY AN EPIC STORY OF THE MAGNIFICENT AIR ADVENTURES IN THE PACIFIC, ATLANTIC, AND TASMAN SEA WHICH IN HIS LIFE-TIME BROUGHT UNIVERSAL ACCLAIM.

"My Flying Life" the story of his adventures is described as "an authentic biography prepared under the personal supervision of and from the diaries and papers of the late Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith." It will take immediate rank with Lindbergh's "We," Byrd's "Skyward" and Amelia Earhart's "Last Flight" among the great personal narratives of the heroic period in trans-oceanic air travel.

Kingsford-Smith, after his successful trans-Pacific and trans-Atlantic flights in the "Southern Cross" was often hailed as "the world's greatest aviator." In the papers now published he deprecated the phrase, saying that he regarded himself "purely as a long-distance flier." He pointed out that in these days aviation is a highly specialised profession with many branches of activity.

"In each and every field there are men—and women—who excel, and to my mind such a phrase as the 'world's greatest aviator' is too comprehensive a term to apply to any one individual," he said.

Despite this modest disclaimer, Kingsford-Smith's unvarnished narrative of his twenty or more long-distance flights left for his readers an impression of tremendous accomplishment, of high courage, and of a generous personal character worthy of any title.

ANTI-CLIMAX

There was some strange undertone in Kingsford-Smith's career, which repeatedly led him to the heights of fame and acclaim, to be followed by anti-climaxes of financial strain, public reaction, and passing misadventure. Even after he was knighted by the King of England, there were intervals when he had to cruise about the country, taking up people for first air-rides in order to meet his financial obligations.

Perhaps for this reason, Kingsford-Smith's narrative is interspersed with gratitude for favours rendered, not the least being the timely financial aid of Captain G. Allen Hancock at the time when the trip of the "Southern Cross" to Hawaii-Fiji-Australia was weighing in the balance.

"He suddenly asked us how much money we needed to solve our dilemma," the story said. "We told him—£3,200."

"There was silence for a moment. Then he spoke: 'I'll buy the machine from you, boys,' he said. 'I'll see my solicitors and decide the best way to do it.'"

"WE WERE OVERJOYED"
"We were overjoyed! The great flight was at once brought closer to us. It was no longer an impossible dream, and all our labours had not been in vain."

To a wondering world Kingsford-Smith's swift and hazardous flights were a matter of headlines, suspense, and drama, but in his own mind there was a more orderly formula which explained his success up to that day when fate struck him down.

"My conception of a record flight is of a programme properly prepared beforehand, which is accomplished by schedule and without incident," he wrote. "The perfection of the long-distance aviator's art—and craft—lies in the ability to reel off great distances day after day, according to

AROUND OUR EMPIRE

INDIA AND THE FAR EAST

Calcutta.

The possible repercussions of the situation in the Far East on India are the subject of a warning to his fellow-countrymen by Mr. S. V. Savarkar, the veteran Nationalist.

Mr. Savarkar appealed to Indians to devote more time to international politics. He saw in the threatened capture of Nanking an ominous sign that might affect the destiny of India.

Japan had cast a shadow over India. If the present pace of the aggressor were continued, he would not be surprised if there were one day a setting up of Japanese power in India.

Viceroy's Tour.—The Marquess of Linlithgow, the Viceroy, and the Marchioness of Linlithgow, left New Delhi to-day for Calcutta, where they will remain until Jan. 5. They are then going to Madras and Hyderabad, returning to New Delhi at the end of January.

SOUTH AFRICA

KENYA RIOT INQUIRY FINDINGS

Cape Town.
It is learned from Nairobi, Kenya, that a magistrate's inquiry has found that native guards were justified in firing during the rioting at the camp of Italian Eritrean deserters at Isolo on Nov. 13. The rioting broke out at a football match between the Eritreans and their guards. Nine natives were killed.

The magistrate stated that by the action of the guards heavier loss of life and damage to property was avoided. It is pointed out, however, that as the camp commandant was absent, and the officer in charge, an African sergeant-major, did not arrive till after the firing began, there was no proper person in control of the guards.

The magistrate says that the deserters "saw red," and he comments that the fact that the men were penned in camp for a long period without an adequate outlet for their energies was likely to cause such disturbances.

It was revealed at the inquiry that rounds were fired from a Lewis gun. The magistrate finds no individual guilty of any offence.

Public School Defended.—Defending Public Schools against criticism in recent years, the Rev. S. H. Clarke, headmaster of St. John's College, Johannesburg, said yesterday: "When all criticisms have been made, it still remains true that the English Public Schools have succeeded in producing men with unswerving loyalty to ideals and dogged insistence on the execution of their duty."

A Unique Collection.—Efforts are being made to acquire for the nation the Elliott collection of 5,000 irreplaceable negatives of the whole period of South African history. The movement is being sponsored by the Historical Monuments Commission.

Royal Titles May Disappear

THERE MAY BE A
"MR. WINDSOR"

FROM A SPECIAL
CORRESPONDENT

Certain junior members of the Royal Family within a generation or two will have no titles, but, under the present rules relating to royal titles, will be called Mr. or Miss Windsor.

This fact has emerged from a study of King George V's ruling in 1917 on Royal titles, which confined the title "Royal Highness" thenceforth to children and grandchildren of the Sovereign.

The Duke of Kent's son, Prince Edward, will succeed eventually to his father's Dukedom and his son in turn will bear the ordinary designations of the sons of a Duke.

But if the Duke of Kent has a second son who in turn has children, these great-grandchildren of King George V. will be Mr. or Miss Windsor.

CHANGES IN PRECEDENCE

More changes in the order of precedence took place in the last two years than ever before in so short a time. In the 17 months from January, 1936, to May, 1937, there were two accessions, an abdication and a Coronation, the latter accompanied by the bestowal of a large number of honours.

All these changes are summoned up in the 1938 (Coronation Honours) Edition of Burke's Peerage, Baronage and Knightage. This is the first completely revised edition to be published since the death of King George V, and the table of relative rank, and precedence has had to be drastically changed.

Among the alterations affecting precedence in the Royal family "Burke" points out that, while the Duke of Windsor now takes precedence as a member of the Royal family, the Duchess of Windsor ranks as the last of 29th Duchess in order of creation.

FIRST AND LAST HOLDERS

In 1937 seven peerages became extinct. Six—those of Viscount Snowden, Lord Kilsnoy, Lord Ernie, Lord Glenarvon, Lord Islington and Lord Rutherford—were new creations, and so these peers were the first and last holders of their titles. The seventh was the peerage of Lord Castlehaven, the second baron.

Among the "historical curiosities" in "Burke" is that, of the three titles in which a peerage can be held—by tenure, writ or letters patent—only one still survives by right of tenure. This is the Earldom of Arundel, held by the Duke of Norfolk as owner of Arundel Castle.

By Act of Parliament passed in the reign of Charles I., this title belongs by right to the owner of Arundel. If the historic castle were ever sold, its buyer would automatically become an earl of high precedence in the official roll of peers.

DARING SURGERY IN MINE MAKES DOCTOR A HERO

Bulawayo, Rhodesia, Jan. 1.

An operation performed at great peril in the depths of a Rhodesian mine has won Dr. Robert Saunders the Edward Medal for gallantry.

When Howard Sheasby, 22, was trapped by the wrist by the fall of rock in the depths of the Homestead mine, near Selukwe, Southern Rhodesia, early this year, Dr. Saunders descended with a party which went to the rescue.

Throughout the night the rescue squads removed stone in an effort to free the wrist. Dr. Saunders remained beside Sheasby to sustain him. At last, it was decided that it was too dangerous to remove further rubble.

Then Dr. Saunders decided to amputate. Using a local anesthetic, he performed an operation to free Sheasby's arm. The operation was carried out against time and with ever-present danger. It was successful and Sheasby, who was conscious throughout the ordeal, was saved.

JILTED MAN SILENT FOR 50 YEARS

New York.
"Silent Bill" Perry, aged 76 years, of Audubon (Iowa), observed to-day without a word the 50th anniversary of the day his fiancée jilted him for another man.

When Perry was left at the altar in 1887 he vowed that he would never utter a word until the girl returned to him. He still hopes for a reconciliation.

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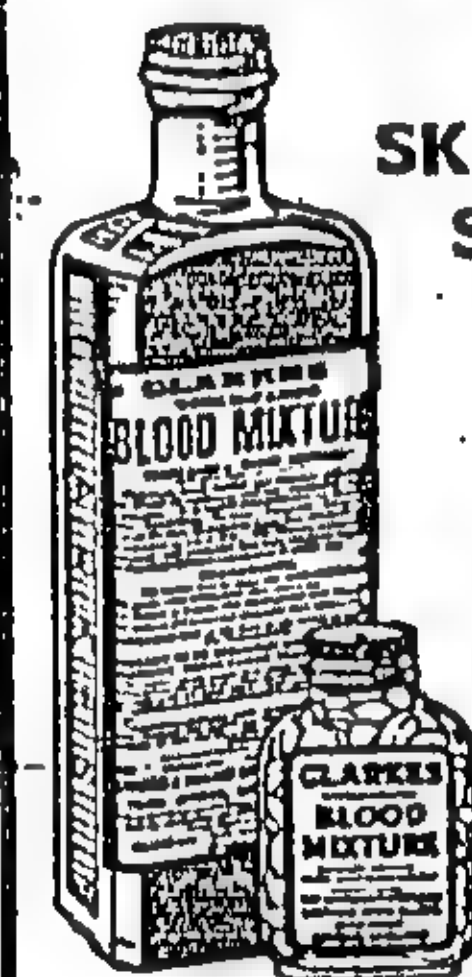
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The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning.

Banks	
H.K. Bank, \$1,430 b. and su.	
H. K. Bank, (Lon. Reg.), £89 b.	
Chartered Bank, £12 1/2 n.	
Mercantile Bank, £12 1/2 n.	
Mercantile Bank, £14 n.	
East Asia Bank, \$82 n.	
Insurance	
Canton Ins., \$270 n.	
Union Ins., \$510 n.	
China Underwriters, \$150 n.	
H.K. Fire Ins., \$235 n.	
Douglas, \$52 b.	
H.K. Steamships, \$9.00 b.	
Indo-China (Prof.), \$51 n.	
Indo-China (Def.), \$43 n.	
Shell Bearer, 90 1/2 n.	
Union Waterworks, \$5.30 n.	
Docks etc.	
H.K. & Wharves, \$14 n.	
H. K. & W. Docks, \$27 1/2 b.	
Providents (old), \$2.05 b.	
Providents (new), 20 cts. b.	
New Engineering, Sh.	
Shanghai Docks, Sh.	
Kailan Mining Adm., 15/6 n.	
Raubis, \$8.10 n.	
Venz, Goldfield, \$5 n.	
Hongkong Land, 10 cts. n.	
Philippine Mining	
Antamok, P., 52 n.	
Atok, P., 24 n.	
Bugio Gold, P., 19 n.	
Benquet Consol., P., 10.00 n.	
Benquet Explor., P.	
Big Wedge, P.	
Coco Grove, P., 53 n.	
Consolidated Mines, P., 612	
Demarcations, P., 37 n.	
E. Mindanao, P.	
Gumau G'fields, P.	
Ips Gold, P.	
I.X.L., P., 64 n.	
Itosons, P.	
Musabte Consols, P.	
Min. Resources, P.	
Northern Min., P.	
Paracale Gamaus, P., 19 n.	
Salacot Mining, P.	
San Maurizio, P., 50 n.	
Suyoc Consol., P., 17 1/2 n.	
United Paracale, P., 47 1/2 n.	
Lands, Hotels, etc.	
H.K. Lands, 4 1/2 Deben, \$100 n.	
Shai Lands, Sh.	
Metropolitan Lands, Sh.	
Humphries, \$8.00 b.	
H.K. Realities, \$434 n.	
Chinese Estates, \$80 n.	
China Realities, Sh.	
China Deben	
Public Utilities	
H.K. Tramways, \$13.75 n.	
Peak-Trams (old), \$54 1/2 b.	
Peak-Trams (new), \$3 1/2 n.	
Star Ferries \$80 b.	
Yaumati Ferries (old) \$24 s.	
China Light (old), \$10.20 b.	
China Light (new), \$7 1/2 n.	
H.K. Electric, \$52 1/2 n.	
Macao Electric, \$10 1/2 b.	
Sandakan Lights, \$14 1/2 b.	
Telephone (old), \$25.65 n.	
Telephone (new), \$8.35 b.	
China Buses, Sh.	
Singapore Trams, 23/0 n.	
Singapore Prof., 23/0 n.	
Industries	
Cald: Mace (old), Sh.	
Cald: Mace (Prof.), Sh.	
Canton Ice, \$1.70 s.	

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

The Sergeant's Mess, Royal Air Force Station, Kai Tak, will not accept responsibility for the accounts of any firms not authorised by the Commanding Officer.

OUR GUIDE
TO THE
CINEMAS

"Knight Without Armour" (King's Theatre, to-day).—At long last, this British picture has arrived in the Colony. Alexander Korda obtained the services of Marlene Dietrich specially for the film in which she appears opposite Robert Donat. The result justifies the expense, for it is one of the best pictures turned out by a British studio.

"Fight For Your Lady" (Queen's Theatre, to-day).—Though the title may suggest it, this film is not one of continuous fighting, but contains many comical situations which do credit to comedians like Jack Oakie and Eric Rhodes. John Boles, Ida Lupino and Margot Graham are others in the cast.

"The Goes the Groom" (Alhambra Theatre, to-day).—A completely satisfying film of tangled loves, with Ann Southern, Burgess Meredith and Mary Boland taking the leading roles.

"Topper" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—Film fans are advised not to be misled by the title of this picture. It is one of the best pictures shown in recent weeks and should not be missed. Constance Bennett, Cary Grant and Roland Young take chief acting honours.

"Lawyer Man" (Majestic Theatre, to-day).—Perhaps not quite up to the standard of the usual Bill Powell film, but a good one nevertheless. Joan Blondell is in support.

POPE'S LAMENT FOR GERMAN CHURCH
Rome, Jan. 13.
In a speech to 60 bishops and 2,000 priests, His Holiness the Pope lamented the delicate Reich church situation. However, his assertion that the difficulties were not hopeless led to the interpretation that this was an indirect invitation to Signor Benito Mussolini to continue mediation.—United Press.

MAINTAINS JAPAN
HAS NO FEAR OF
ANY WORLD POWER

Hankow, Jan. 14.

Miss Agnes Smedley, an American who has been actively associated with the Chinese Communists for some time, spoke at yesterday's military press conference here and she gave a full account of the operations of the Eighth Route Army in north Shansi since the former Reds crossed the Yellow River on September 1.

Miss Smedley exhibited all kinds of documents, including confidential communications between the Japanese garrison headquarters at Tientsin and the Japanese General staff at Tokyo. One report from the Japanese garrison at Tientsin mentioned the dramatic activities "of one of our foreign spies" last July.

Another report from the Tientsin garrison headquarters commented on Japan's international environment, saying that Britain and the Soviet were not strong enough to challenge Japan, while "there is nothing to worry about with the United States, who, though she pays the closest attention to the Far Eastern situation, never wishes to plunge into actual trouble with us."

Regarding foodstuffs and military supplies for the Eighth Route Army, Miss Smedley said that in the poor region of north Shansi it was difficult to secure enough food. "We had been depending chiefly on Japanese food, and once we captured 120 trucks of Japanese foodstuffs and enjoyed ourselves eating Japanese delicacies."

"EDUCATE" PRISONERS
She said the Eighth Route Army soldiers treat Japanese captives well, and often "educate" them first before sending them back. Many Japanese prisoners had said they were against war and one Japanese radio operator

CHAUTEMPS CABINET
FALLS IN FRANCE

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temporarily to prohibit dealings in the fringe.—United Press.

PREMIER PLACATES HIS
SUPPORTERS

Paris, Jan. 13.
M. Camille Chautemps, in his second speech to the Chamber to-night, did not refer to the monetary measures, but tried to placate the Left groups. He paid a tribute to the Labour Confederation for attending the conference on industrial unrest and said a heavy responsibility rested on the employers who refused to attend.

He dramatically produced a message from a foreign news agency alleging that a Communist plot had been timed for yesterday evening in France, and said the police were dealing with the false report.

SOCIALISTS DECIDE
TO SUPPORT

Paris, Jan. 13.
The socialists, by a vote of 75 to 36, decided to continue to support M. Chautemps' Government.—Reuter.

DECIDING FATE OF CABINET

Paris, Jan. 13.
The Chamber of Deputies re-met at 11.15 p.m. last night. It was expected the debate would decide the fate of the Government.

Postponement of the re-assembly of the Chamber was due to the Socialists and Communists holding lengthy private sessions in the course of which questions were sent to the Government with regard to the Cabinet's proposed measures.

Apparently these parties are still holding out for an exchange of control. A deputisation of the Left groups interviewed M. Camille Chautemps, after which it was stated that the Prime Minister might clarify his references to the disturbance of social order. It is expected that after M. Chautemps has broken again all the Popular Front members of the Chamber will meet and agree to a common resolution, failing which it is understood the Cabinet will meet, indicating the Government is considering resigning.—Reuter.

EARLY OUTLOOK GLOOMY

Paris, Jan. 13.
The French Cabinet held an emergency session to-day lasting three and a half hours, at which the Governor of the Bank of France, M. Pierre Fournier, was present.

Afterwards it was announced that M. Camille Chautemps, Minister, would make a statement regarding the country's finances. Presumably this would be made after the closing of the money markets.

Pertinax, discussing the possible international effects of the French social and financial crisis, in Le Matin, said they would defeat the efforts of the friends of France who were urging the maintenance of democracy, and might lead to British self-isolation. Furthermore they might drive the United States further away from international co-operation.—United Press.

BALANCED BUDGET
INDISPENSIBLE

Paris, Jan. 13.
After the Cabinet meeting, M. Georges Bonnet, Finance Minister declared that the Government was unanimously rejecting exchange control, and regarded a balanced budget as being more than ever indispensable.

It is expected that M. Chautemps will announce to the Chamber that taxation yields are satisfactory and will urge the country to support the Cabinet's efforts to maintain social peace and proceed to financial recovery.

Denial that there was any real cause for panic in the financial situation was made by M. Camille Chautemps in a fighting speech to the Chamber. He said that financial situation in December was satisfactory, and barring accidents, was the one way to creating confidence and the Treasury was able to meet all obligations in the present quarter.

But there had been social agitation and systematic agitation for a General Strike which had aggravated the country's nerves. Fortunately those troubles were now appeased, and he categorically deny that in dealing with the strike, "I was doubtful."

He said Labour has no conflicts with humane sentiments, but I do not countenance revolt in the public services against the nation."

WORKERS' DUTY

M. Chautemps said that a social legislation code will be voted by Parliament. In exchange for security labour strikers must recognise what Parliament has done for them by renouncing all forms of illegality.

To the accompaniment of applause from the Centre and Right, and from various members of the Left, M. Chautemps added: "I declare with untroubled firmness that if certain people disturb the public peace, the force of the law will descend upon them."

Atmosphere in the Lobbies at the conclusion of M. Chautemps' speech was very critical and it was strongly held that the Chautemps Government would not survive the night.

M. Leon Blum, the President of the Republic was seen coming from the Chamber with a white and set face.—Reuter.

PREMIER'S CHALLENGE
Paris, Jan. 14.
In the course of his vigorous speech to the Chamber, M. Camille Chautemps said in the face of criminal acts of this gravity, there had not been absolute unanimity in approving the action of the Minister of the Interior and in condemning the criminals. This was the result of an uneasiness and a moral sickness with the country. He declared that the Government was resolved to obtain social peace and to balance the budget and it condemned any control of exchange.

He concluded by asking the various parliamentary groups to meet to decide their attitude towards his declaration, particularly respecting monetary freedom.

The Chamber then adjourned at 9.30 p.m. It was generally held in the lobbies that the speech did not strengthen the Government's position and antagonized the socialists and communists. The Radical-Socialist group has already met and passed a motion which will later be presented to the Chamber, approving of M. Chautemps' speech and expressing confidence in him.—Reuter.

STARTING
TIMES
ANNOUNCEDGolf At Fanling
On Sunday

OLD COURSE

9.12 C. W. E. Bishop, A. D. Purves,
9.16 A. C. Goby, J. D. Danby,
9.20 W. W. C. Shewan, H. N. Williamson.
9.24 S. C. Feltham, F. D. Angus,
9.28 W. G. Robertson, J. H. Collis,
9.32 A. V. Graves, Comdr. Hole,
9.36 J. H. Underwood, W. C. Farnham.

9.40 I. H. Geare, O. E. C. Marton,
9.44 K. K. Rounds, K. S. Morrison,
9.48 R. C. McGregor, P. Welch,
9.52 L. Goldman, W. Woodward,
9.56 P. H. Scoones, R. L. S. Webb,
10.00 A. Corrigan, E. L. Groome,
10.04 Col. Blake, Col. Crewdon,
10.08 J. B. Mackie, D. S. Edward,
10.12 R. J. Shrigley, W. Sharp,
10.16 H. E. the Governor, N. L. Smith.

10.20 C. S. Archbutt, A. W. Hughes,
10.24 W. A. A. Smalley, Capt. Holmes.
10.28 W. A. Stewart, N. K. Littlejohn,
10.32 D. J. Gilmore, A. Sommerfeld,
10.36 G. Milne, A. A. Brenner,
10.40 F. C. Young, G. F. O'Brien,
10.44 H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie,
10.48 D. J. Lyon, B. Rolfe.

10.52 C. M. Gee, Wing Cdr. Bishop,
10.56 J. Windfield, W. T. Yoxall,
11.00 I. P. Tamworth, H. M. Williamson.
11.04 J. S. Dunnett, R. G. Gray,
11.08 T. E. & J. L. C. Pearce,
11.12 E. T. McMullen, L. R. Andrews.

11.16 T. A. Pearce, R. G. Parker,
11.20 G. A. Leiper, C. C. Willson.
NEW COURSE
9.16 H. Young, R. L. D. Woodhouse,
9.20 G. M. Park, J. B. H. Leckie,
9.24 F. A. M. Elliott, A. C. I. Bowker.

9.28 J. R. Masson, S. H. Dodwell,
9.32 T. R. Chishall, H. H. Mundy,
9.36 T. Low, R. K. Valentine,
9.40 G. C. Vorrall, J. H. M. Andrews.
9.44 W. J. Roberts, J. L. Bonnar,
9.48 Mrs. Goldman, Mrs. Woodward,
9.52 Mrs. Webb, Miss Crappell,
9.56 Mrs. Shrigley, Mrs. Sharp.

10.00 Mrs. Stobb, A. E. Liskman,
10.04 Mrs. Smalley, Mrs. Holmes,
10.08 K. K. Quile, G. W. Reid,
10.12 W. A. and Mrs. Cornell,
10.16 Mrs. Overy, Mrs. Mackenzie,
10.20 Mrs. Lyon, Mrs. Rolfe,
10.24 E. C. and Mrs. Norris,
10.28 W. C. Clark, M. C. Margaret,
10.32 Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Margaret.

Note: Starting times at 9.04 and 9.08 on the Old Course and 9.00 and 9.12 on the New Course are not to be booked by anyone at all.

Triangular
Tourney
Rugby

Governor To Be Present
There will be two games of Rugby Football on the Club ground at Happy Valley to-morrow. The first game, commencing at 2.45 p.m., will be between H.M.S. Cumberland and the Club "A" XV. This will be followed at 4 p.m. by the last match of the year's Triangular Tournament series, when the Army will play the Club. The Navy have already won the Tournament this season, and this last match is a contest to decide who will hold the wooden spoon.

Surg. Lt. Cmdr. Nicholson will referee the "A" fixture and Mr. D. W. MacEwen will control the Triangular Tournament match.

His Excellency the Governor has signified his intention of watching the Triangular Tournament game and their Excellencies, the Commander-in-Chief and General Officer Commanding will also be present.

The Club and Army sides selected are as follows:—
Army.—F. Ferrit (R.W.F.), L/C Ayton (R.A.S.C.), Lt. R. D. MacLagan (Scotforth), 2/Lt. Gudgdon (Middlesex), 2/Lt. Chilverall (Middlesex), Pte. Rainey (Scotforth), Sgt. Bailey (R.A.M.C.), Sgt. Moore (Middlesex), Pte. Knowles (Scotforth), Pte. Watson (Middlesex), 2/Lt. I. A. MacLagan (Scotforth), Cpl. Wainwright (Royal Corps of Signals), Pte. Page (5th A.A. Bde. R.A.), Capt. Gillespie (R.E.) (Captain), B. Crawford (Royal Corps of Signals).

Club 1st XV.—M. W. Macgrath, D. H. Stewart, H. D. Biddwell, W. E. Grieve, M. G. Carruthers, A. H. R. Butcher, J. L. Bonnar, K. A. Watson, K. W. Salter, E. N. Stout, H. Holder, W. E. Peers, J. B. Miller (Captain), A. J. G. Taylor and J. Redman.

Club "A" XV.—F. Cressford; H. van Leeuwen, E. Tavernier, E. M. Watts, H. F. Hopkins, C. W. Lytle (Captain), J. R. Henderson, T. Swin, T. H. Pratt, H. G. White, B. Hynes, A. S. Olson, A. G. Dalziel, G. L. Eastgate and J. K. Birt.

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MADAME CHIANG
DELAYS RETURN

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Naturally we will have to abandon this plan now, and it is hard to say what route Madame will take on the return journey. Her departure from Hongkong will have to be kept as secret as possible."

Immediately after her arrival in Hongkong on Wednesday Madame Chiang Kai-shek visited her sister, Madame H. H. Kung, and for a time resided at her sister's residence in Sansou Road, Pokfulam. Persistent callers yesterday, however, made it imperative that Madame Chiang Kai-shek find a new address, and she is now residing on the mid-levels. Madame Kung has been in ill-health for some time and, out of consideration for her sister, Madame Chiang Kai-shek decided to change her residence.

DENIES RUMOURS

Rumours that Madame Chiang Kai-shek was visiting Hongkong in order to join her sisters in persuading Mr. T. V. Soong to consent to accept once again the finance ministry were emphatically denied by the spokesmen interviewed by the Telegraph. "There is absolutely no foundation for the rumour," the spokesmen declared. Madame Chiang Kai-shek is not discussing political affairs with either her sister or Mr. Soong during her holiday in Hongkong.

"A rumour that has apparently gained credence in Hongkong that Madame has come to Hongkong because peace terms will shortly be announced is even more ridiculous.

"China has no intention of accepting any peace terms that involve a sacrifice of her territory, and recent overtures were flatly rejected by the Government. China will continue fighting, to the last man if necessary, until the last drop of blood is shed, or until a peace honourable to this nation is obtained."

"Far from negotiating a peace, the Generalissimo has departed for the Lushan front to personally conduct the operations against the Japanese."

STOCK MARKET
REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary, issued at 3.15 p.m. yesterday, says:

There was a fair turnover in Old China Lights and Trams at quotations, otherwise the market remains dull.

Buyers	Sellers
Hongkong Bank (Lon.) \$29	Peak Trams (Old) 50 1/2

EXCHANGE RATES

	Jan. 12	Jan. 13
Paris	147.37/04	153 1/2
Geneva	21.60/4	21.63 1/2
Berlin	124.0/4	124.0/4
Athens	547 1/2	547 1/2
Milan	22.40	22.40
Copenhagen	19.40	19.40
Stockholm	19.90	19.90
Helsinki	220 1/2	220 1/2
Shanghai	1/2 1/2	1/2 1/2
New York	4.80 1/2	4.80 1/2
Vienna	20 1/2	20 1/2
Amsterdam	8.07 1/2	8.07 1/2
Prague	142 1/2	142 1/2
Madrid	110 1/2	110 1/2
Lisbon	110 1/2	110 1/2
Bombay	1/3	1/3
Calcutta	1/3	1/3
Yokohama	1/2	1/2
Belgrade	25	25
Montevideo	2.17/32	2.17/32
Rio de Janeiro	2.17/32	2.17/32
Silver (Spok)	19 1/2	19 1/2
Silver (Forward)	19 1/2	19 1/2
War Loan	101 1/2	101 1/2

—British Wireless.

EXCHANGE

Selling	Buying
T.T. London	1s. 2 1/2
Demand	1s. 2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	21.00/4
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	100 1/2
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	30 1/2
T.T. Manila	61 1/2
T.T. Batavia	55 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	14 1/2
T.T. Saigon	14 1/2
T.T. France	9.30
T.T. Germany	7.65
T.T. Switzerland	133 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/3 1/2

4 m/s L/C London 1/3 1/2
4 m/s D/P do 1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A. 51 1/4
4 m/s France 10.30
4 m/s India 83 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London 4.89 1/2

POST OFFICE.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Manila	Meerkerk	January 14.
Shanghai	Tilsandari	January 14.
Shanghai	Conte Blancamano	January 15.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways direct Service"—San Francisco—Pan American Airways	Plane	January 15.
clso date, 5th January.		
Japan	Suisang	January 15.
Japan	Kidderpore	January 16.
Japan	Anshan	January 17.
Calcutta and Straits	Hosang	January 17.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Imperial Airways Plane"		January 17.
Direct Service—London date, 8th January.		
Manila	Rhexenor	January 17.
Straits, Manila and London Parrels		
London date, 9th December, 1937		
Haliphong	Amx	January 18.
Shanghai and Swatow	Canton	January 18.
Calcutta and Straits	Kingyuan	January 18.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time
Straits and Calcutta	Sirdhana	Fri., Jan. 14.
Ordn.		Jan. 14, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for Chungking by the C.N.A.C. Plane		Sat., Jan. 15.
"C.N.A.C. Airways Direct Service"	Kowloon P.O.	Jan. 15, 5 p.m.
Ordn.		Jan. 15, 5 p.m.
Ordn.		Jan. 15, 5 p.m.

Saturday
Fort Bayard Wing Wo Sat., Jan. 15, 8.30 a.m.
Kowloon and (Pakhoi via Kong- Fook On Sat., Jan. 15, 9 a.m. (moon)

Air Mail for Sian, Lanchow and Eurasia Plane Sat., Jan. 15.
Chengtu, etc. (via Hankow) by G.P.O. and K.P.O.
the "Eurasia Airways Service" Jan. 15, 9 a.m.
(To further points by surface Jan. 15, 9.30 a.m.

TROOPS MASSED FOR DECISIVE ENGAGEMENTS

Safety Of Central Provinces Rests On "Hindenberg Line"

Hankow, Jan. 14.

The most decisive battle since the beginning of Sino-Japanese hostilities is expected very soon in the Shantung-Kiangsu border region. Military information reveals that over 400,000 Chinese troops are concentrated along the Tientsin-Pukow and the Lunghai railways near Hsuechow.

Crack Chinese troops, specially and thickly arranged on both flanks of the railway lines are ready to strangle the Japanese advance columns to death if they make a dash along the railway.

The Chinese authorities have paid much attention in past years to the matter of consolidating a national defence line along the Lunghai railway with its reinforced concrete "Hindenberg Line."

The results of this decisive battle north of Hsuechow will determine the fate of Central China, it is stated. Meanwhile Chen Cheng, young, smart, right-hand man of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, has assumed office as commander of the garrison forces of the Wuhan triple cities (Wuchang, Hankow and Hanyang), and this means that Chen Cheng will be the man defending the Wuhan area, whenever the cities are endangered.

In the meantime, keen observers continue to try with rumours regarding Dr. Oscar Trautmann's continual efforts as peace mediator, and many people are gossiping that he has succeeded. However, generally speaking this suggestion is ridiculed. Men knowing the real inside situation have pointed out the distance is still very far between the terms the Japanese offer and what the Chinese will accept.—United Press.

Japanese Press Advance

Shanghai, Jan. 14. According to a Domei report, Japanese forces moving southward from Taining on Wednesday, occupied Taitung, eight miles south of Nanyang, near Nanyang Lake, where they ousted three Chinese divisions from the lakeside area.—United Press.

Chinese "Mopping Up" At Taining

Hsuechow, Jan. 14. After the recapture of Taining, important town on the left flank of the Tientsin-Pukow railway in Shantung, Chinese forces are "mopping up" remnant Japanese in the surrounding districts. It has now been revealed that after the fall of the city on the night of January 11, the Chinese forces were withdrawn to the west bank of the Grand Canal. With the arrival of reinforcements the Chinese military command ordered a counter-offensive on the night of January 12. Under cover of the canal which happened then to be frozen and launched a surprise attack on the city. After a sanguinary battle, they recaptured it yesterday morning, inflicting heavy casualties on the Japanese.—Central News.

Mongolian Troops On Borders

Lanchow, Jan. 14. Heavy troop concentrations have

FLAGSHIP OF C.P.R. DUE HERE MARCH 9

Only Cruise Ship Scheduled

Colony Loses Tourist Trade

The Sino-Japanese conflict is affecting all commercial traffic in the Far East, including the tourist trade. Inquiries conducted by the Telegraph reveal that of the four big round-the-world cruise liners which were scheduled to come to Far Eastern waters this year with hundreds of travellers aboard, three have been diverted to other parts of the world, mainly Australia, because of China's unsettled condition. Bremen, the third largest ship in the world, which was to come to Hongkong and the Far East for the first time, had her trip cancelled about four months ago. The voyages of the Franconia, Cunard White Star liner and the Reliance, have been altered to miss the East. The only world-tourer keeping her schedule to the East will be the Empress of Britain, the 42,500-ton flagship of the Canadian Pacific Steamship Company's fleet of 70 ships. She is expected here from Bangkok on March 9, but instead of calling on Shanghai and Japan as she has done in previous years, she will sail direct for Manila after a five days stay in the harbour.

It will be remembered that the Empress of Britain came to the Colony on March 21 last with a passenger list of well over 400, among those aboard being several American millionaires and a princess from Europe.

Five hundred persons who had booked in America to visit the Far East last month, altered their itineraries and booked for Australia, it is revealed. Several hundreds who had booked by Empress liners from Vancouver in November changed over to the steamer Aorangi for New Zealand. It is estimated that 3,000 tourists who would have left Vancouver in Empress liners for the East will end their cruise at Honolulu instead of continuing on to Japan, Shanghai and Hongkong.

BURNS' DINNER

The Burns' Night Dinner will be held at the Rose Room, Peninsula Hotel, on Tuesday, January 25, at 7.45 p.m. for 8.15 p.m. Invitations have been issued by the Chairman and Committee of St. Andrew's Society.

SHANGHAI EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION WARNS TERRORISTS IN CITY

Following several attacks on Japanese soldiers on the outskirts of the International Settlement, and the suggestion that terrorists were sheltering in the International area, the Municipal Council took drastic steps to curb the operations of these people who were endangering the foreign community. The following "emergency proclamation" was issued:

WHEREAS a period of grave emergency continues to exist;

WHEREAS, also, armed outrages continue to occur on a grave scale in the International Settlement;

WHEREAS, accordingly, it appears necessary to the Shanghai Municipal Council to accord to the Municipal Police certain emergency powers.

IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED:—

1. That any person committing an offence against armed forces in the International Settlement will be liable to be handed over to the armed forces concerned;

2. That any person committing armed crime in the International Settlement will be refused the sanc-

tuary of the Settlement and will be liable to expulsion therefrom;

3. That the Municipal Police are authorized to search all premises, public or private, for unauthorized arms;

4. That a reward not exceeding \$5,000 will be paid to any person giving information that leads to the apprehension of terrorists;

5. That a substantial reward will be paid to any person giving information that leads to the seizure of unauthorized arms.

By Order, G. Godfrey Phillips, Secretary.

Council Chamber, Shanghai, January 1, 1938.

POLITICAL STRIFE OVER PHILIPPINES INDEPENDENCE BILL

Mr. Roosevelt's Programme Praised and Condemned

Washington, Jan. 13.

A member of the Joint Committee studying the question of Philippines Independence told United Press in an interview to-day that the "announcement of the Philippines policy by President Roosevelt before the joint preparatory commission rendered the report vitally timely, because it will discourage a strong and immediate independence movement started by Mr. Thomas O'Malley's Bill.

"Furthermore in connection with the obvious Anglo-American parallel action in Oriental affairs, and the imminent negotiations of an Anglo-American trade agreement, President Roosevelt's Philippines policy means that the international status of the Philippines and the United States position in the Orient will not be altered for a long time."

Preliminary congressional reaction indicated that President Roosevelt's programme would be extensively supported, especially as it was evidence of the United States' firm and stabilising purpose in the Orient.

WILL PRESS FOR ACTION

Representative Thomas O'Malley, in a press interview on the subject, said he would continue to press for action and an immediate independence Bill, despite President Roosevelt's scheme. "I have been promised by the committee a hearing of my Bill in February. Meanwhile I am continuing to lobby for support for immediate independence and the immediate termination of all trade relations."

Mr. O'Malley said that a Bill could be offered in substitution if the Administration proposed an amendment along the lines of President Roosevelt's statement. He said he had agreed to a postponement of consideration of his Bill until February only because he was told that through such a delay it would be possible to present full factual data on the subject. However, he insisted that if any attempt were made immediately to consider President Roosevelt's programme he would press his Bill as a substitute.

NYE WANTS "OUT"

Interviewed, Senator Gerald P. Nye said: "I could not differ with the programme in the nature in which it is set forth at the present. However, immediately upon establishment of independence there must be a gradual reduction of trade preferences year by year. Any test on the issue of early independence will find me supporting getting out of the East as soon as we can."

Senator Borah said he had not definitely decided but "I rather suspect I would support such a programme."

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OPIUM CARRIERS APPREHENDED

Searched by Revenue Officers, at the Railway Station, Kowloon, on January 11, a man named Ng Hon-ki, 34, unemployed, was found to be in possession of 36 taels of raw opium which was concealed in the false bottom of his rattan basket.

Charged before Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court, Ng was fined \$300 or, in default, is to serve five months' hard labour, and was further sentenced to one month's hard labour without the option of a fine. Defendant said that he had obtained the opium and the basket in Canton.

Also for possession of raw opium two men, Chan Yuk, 36, unemployed, and Wong Tung, 29, boatman, were punished by Mr. Barnett to-day. Acting on information received Sub-inspector Butcher boarded a

S'HAJ JAPANESE PROMOTED

Shanghai, Jan. 14. The Shanghai Municipal Council has gazetted the promotions of Inspector Suhiro Iwasaki and Inspector Tokujiro Hira to Chief Inspector of the Municipal Police.—United Press.

junk in the harbour yesterday and found 52 taels of the opium on top of some rags in the hold in the bows of the boat.

The first defendant, who claimed the opium, was fined \$500 or, in default, is to serve six months' hard labour, and the second defendant, who claimed the junk, was fined \$50 or two months' hard labour. The junk, worth \$50, was ordered to be confiscated.

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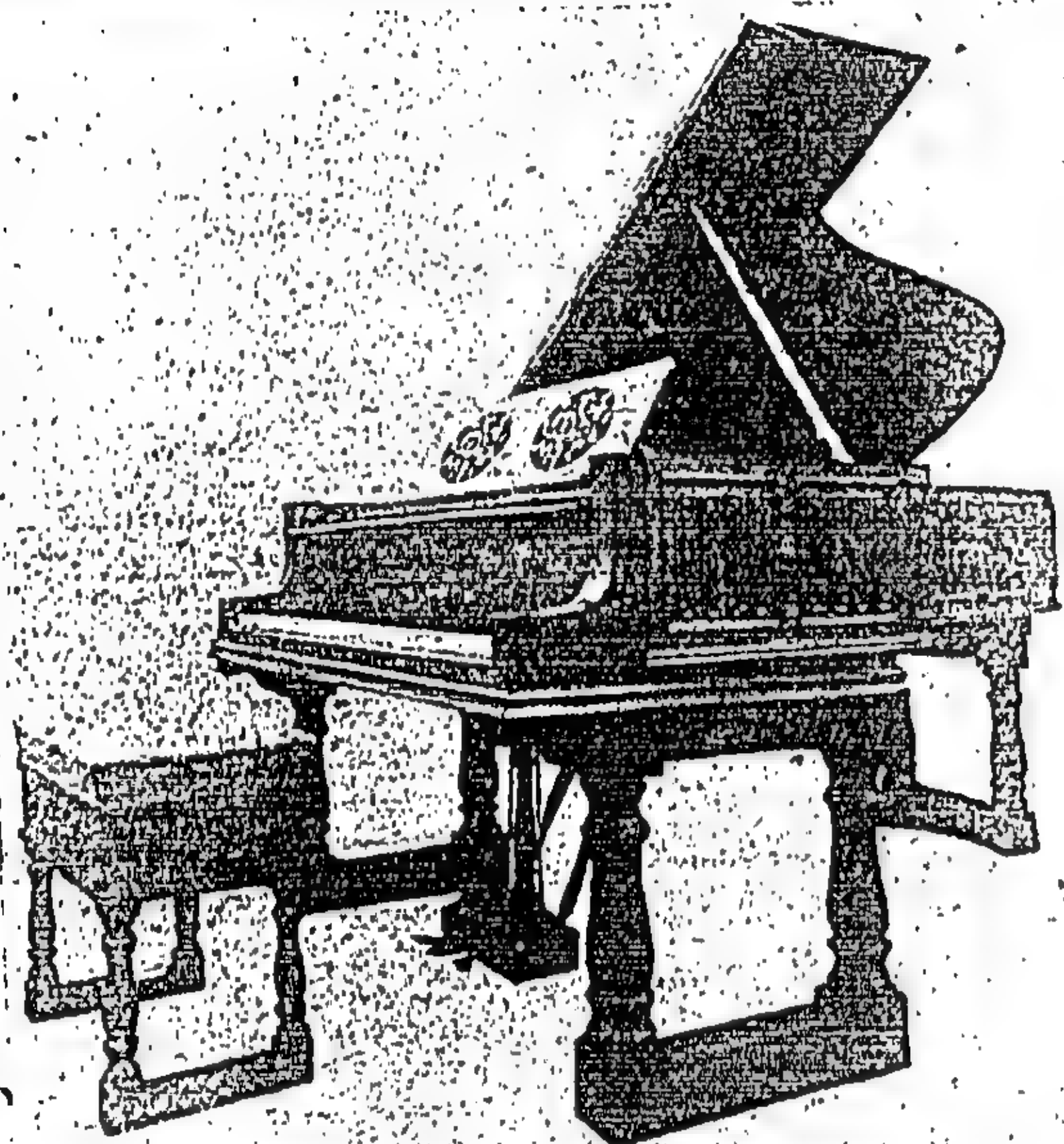
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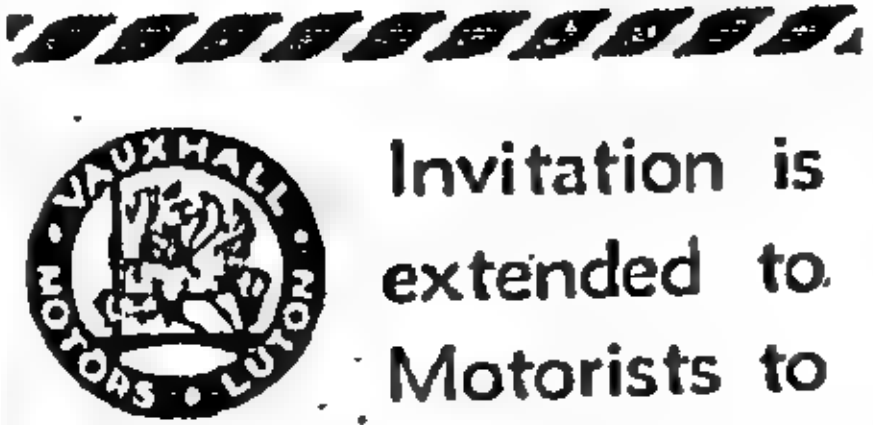
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The
Hongkong Telegraph.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 1938.

CENTRAL EUROPE'S CROSS-ROADS

There are definite indications of a trend towards the Rome-Berlin axis by Austria and Hungary. Commercially, politically and even from an historical point of view such an affinity is not surprising. Commercially, Germany and Italy are important to the Austrian and Hungarian people; increasingly so in view of the necessity of the bigger powers securing raw products from their neighbours. It would seem that in this case the lesser states were in a sound position for bargaining, but the political aspects of the situation are such that this advantage is largely offset. They outweigh commercial considerations. Possibly because of them, the weaker parties find it expedient to have some definite understanding in order to avoid complications of a dangerous nature. This, at least, is the view of several commentators in Europe discussing the problems of the governments at Vienna and Budapest. They put it bluntly: in order to escape the danger of unfriendly reaction on the part of Italy and Germany, Austria and Hungary may find it necessary to adhere to some sort of pact with their big neighbours, and it is possible that the conversations at present in progress at Budapest, at which all four powers are represented, may be laying the foundation for this understanding.

The political situation in Austria, especially, is very much confused. There is a strong Nazi party there, bitterly antagonistic to the Monarchists, who are now campaigning for the return of Archduke Otto to the throne of his fathers. It was a coincidence that the Nazis chose to make their influence felt at the time of the Budapest

NERVES

YOU know that "end-of-the-holiday" feeling? Everyone experiences it at some time in their lives. A touchiness, an unreasonable irritability over trifles, which leads to quarrels between lovers and friction in families.

You probably do not know that the basic cause of it is that you have been eating more and richer food than usual, perhaps taking more exercise, subjecting different parts of your body to unaccustomed strains. Your nervous system, over-strained in its purely physical duties, lets you down mentally.

Look at it the other way round. Many people when they receive a sudden piece of bad news feel, and often are, physically sick. Others burst into perspiration, or start to shake.

Excessive mental or emotional strain on the nerves prevents them performing their bodily duties properly and produces physical symptoms.

The serious study of the nervous system and the recognition of the part they play in health are comparatively recent developments of medical science. You will still hear doctors dismiss some patient's ailment with a contemptuous "Oh! it's nothing but nerves!" Such a remark is just as foolish as to say of a man with a broken leg "It's nothing but a bone!"

THE nervous system, like the blood system, covers every part of the body with a network of tiny fibres, and its functions in maintaining health and preserving life are no less important than those of the blood.

It remained for so long the Cinderella of physiology because conversations. But the Monarchist campaign for Otto gave them an excuse, if they required one.

It is perhaps unfair to say that the Austro-Hungarian reaffirmation of their opposition to Communism was a move of self-defence against their professed friends of Rome and Berlin. It is probably very true that the vast majority of Austro-Hungarians are opposed to the doctrine of Marx and the idea of world revolution. But likewise a good proportion of them are opposed to Nazism and Fascism. Archduke Otto, in fact, has bluntly declared against Fascism, though latterly he has changed his attitude to the extent of admitting that such a system might solve the Austrian political problem. For Hungary he has never deviated from the contention that a monarchical form of Government, based on the British model, is the best suited.

There is to be bound to be some conflict in these central European fields. Never particularly popular, the League of Nations appears to have lost entirely the friendship and trust of Austria and Hungary. Despatches from Budapest indicate that withdrawal of both states is not impossible. And withdrawal would probably be the first step in the re-establishment of the old Triple Entente, or something very like it. Austria and Hungary must naturally aim at security. Out of the arms of the League they are in the hands of Germany and Italy. What more natural than that they should join the anti-Comintern pact, recognise General Franco's Insurgents, Italy's Empire in Ethiopia, and become good totalitarian states? They are being driven to it.

of its connection with mental illness. Excessive nervous strain does frequently cause delusions or phobias, but a faulty blood supply to the brain can produce very similar phenomena, and to withhold sympathy from nerve sufferers, to treat them as if there was really nothing wrong with them, is both cruel and silly.

A nerve itself looks like a little white worm. If you have a large hole in one of your teeth, the dentist will probably kill the nerve in that tooth and pick it out with a thin wire hook. Next time that misfortune occurs to you, ask him to show you your nerve.

It is a profoundly interesting object. That little worm is linked with every other nerve in your body. The whole system is like a highly complicated electric grid controlling every movement of and in your body, and ready to warn you of danger at a moment's notice.

THE centre of the system, the trunk line of the grid, is your spinal cord, which runs down from your brain inside your backbone. A man can break his backbone and live, but if his spinal cord is broken he dies instantly. From this trunk line branches of nerves lead out to every part of your body. The bigger central ones are bundles containing many separate nerves; by the time the skin is reached these have split up into single worms.

There are two types of "line" in this human grid. The sensory nerves, which record and transmit to the centre news of anything that happens in, or on, the surface of your body, and the motor nerves, which control the action of your muscles.

The most obvious example of the close and rapid co-operation between the two groups is to touch a hot plate.

Almost before you are conscious of the painful sensation of heat which your sensory nerves have conveyed to your brain, your motor nerves have set in action the muscles which draw your finger back.

But a very large proportion of the work done by the nerves



never reaches your consciousness at all. If it did, you would be quite incapable of thinking about anything else.

Your brain would be hopelessly overburdened. The method by which this is avoided is one of the most ingenious parts of the whole miraculous mechanism.

If you regard the brain as the central switchboard of the nervous system, there are subsidiary switchboards working automatically in other parts of the body.

Messages reaching these are short-circuited and the motor-nerves act immediately on their receipt without your knowing anything about it. Your breathing, the beating of your heart, your digestion, are all operated through these automatic switchboards.

Occasionally they go wrong. Cases have occurred in which the patient was unable to breathe unless he consciously drew each breath. There was nothing wrong with his lungs, but the control mechanism had failed and an operation which in normal people is performed unconsciously became a matter of thought and will. No one could endure long in this state without going mad or dying.

ONE of the most curious automatic nerve functions, and one which is most easily put out of order, is the control of the food that passes through your body.

Different stages of digestion take place at different parts of what is called the alimentary canal, the series of organs which begins with your stomach and ends with your bowel. If digestion is to take place properly and provide your body with the full value of the food you have eaten, the contents of your alimentary canal must move forward according to a regular time-table.

This is ensured by a series of lock-gates, nerve-operated, which open and close to allow the food to pass through at the appropriate moment.

If the gates stick and the food is retained too long in a particular part of the canal it ferments and you suffer from indigestion.

Now, it is this lock-gate control which is most often affected by the emotional strains which I mentioned at the beginning of this article.

If you are violently in love, or very frightened, or over-excited it is almost certain that you will not be able to eat normally or, if you do eat, you will have a stomach ache.

To use an electrical term, the emotional "load" on your nervous system has proved more than it can stand. Conversely, if you have just eaten a substantial meal and are digesting it properly, you will probably find it difficult to become excited.

Few people propose marriage immediately after dinner. Any speaker knows the impossibility of rousing a well-fed audience. The "load" on the nervous system is the other way.

How can you avoid suffering from nerve-trouble, whether physical or mental?

A TRAGEDY OF PROGRESS

"WELL," I called, "are you looking forward to the twentieth?"

The old man straightened his back and turned round slowly. "I've been tending this bit of ground for thirty-four years now. Do you suppose I'm glad to lose it?"

I was leaning over the common fence of our allotments. I had just dismantled the little collapsible hut in my own patch of ground, and packed up a few tools and one or two plants I intended to give away to gardening friends. We had received an order to vacate our allotments by the 28th of November, as the ground was to be used for building.

The old man hobbled towards me. He had only been pottering aimlessly in a border. Obviously he could not bear to leave the earth alone, though he knew it would never feed another plant or bring forth another flower.

He was the Grand Old Man of the allotments. His hut, its walls composed of scraps of sheet-iron, three-ply board, tarred felt, and planking, had been extended with the years so that it now consisted of two ply board, tarred felt, and planking, painted; little windows had been made with irregular fragments of glass, and the roof and corners were decorated with whitewashed sections of rubber tubing and old bicycle tyres.

Inside, luxury of luxuries, was an ancient cotter; the walls were dotted with brown-edged pictures clipped from wartime magazines; and in the

room where his hoe and rake and trowel and raffia and packets of seeds were kept there stood a small oil-stove.

Here on summer evenings he would brew strong tea, and, seated on his sofa and puffing at a rank old clay, hold court among the other allotment-holders, old and young alike, who gathered for a nightly gossip when their digging and thinning and tying up was done.

He might eat and sleep in a crowded tenement, where the sunlight rarely penetrated, but that mattered little; this was his true home—this was his country estate, where he was the equal of the richest in the land. And day in, day out, whenever I worked in my own small enclosure, he was to be seen in his moving slowly about among his plants, with a not and a smiling word for every neighbour.

But on this misty morning the field was almost deserted. His back seemed more bent and his hand more trembling since the order had come.

"Are you getting another place farther out of town?" I asked.

"No, I'm too old to begin again," I hadn't far to walk. I realised he meant he could not afford a bus fare.

As I left he was half-heartedly turning over soil that was to serve as the foundation for some ugly concrete building. I wondered if progress meant so much. And I thought of Eden. But what was this old man's sin, that he, too, should be thrust out?

A. R. S.

THE first rule, as with most diseases, is not to think too much about it or to be afraid that your nerves are wrong. But this does not mean that you should not contemplate and admire your nervous mechanism as you might the engine of a motor-car.

If you understand how an engine works, you are less likely to subject it to undue strains. So realise when your nerves are in danger of over-loading and take precautions.

If you know that on holiday you have been eating more than usual, avoid conversation on subjects that excite or worry you.

If you are in love or anxious about your future, be careful about what you eat. Never quarrel at meal-times.

Alcohol in excess, and to a lesser extent tobacco, immediately weaken your nervous energy.

The man who gets drunk because he has met with a rovaras definitely diminishes his own body's capacity to resist what has happened to him.

General Umezu On Special China Mission

MAN WHO SIGNED 1935 PEACE PACT GOES TO TIENTSIN

But Chinese Press Declares Resistance Must Not Cease

(Special to "Telegraph")

Hankow, Jan. 14.

Chinese official circles state that according to their information the Tokyo Imperial Conference decisions did not include a declaration of war or even withdrawal of recognition of the Central Government.

Meanwhile, General Yoshijiro Umezu, Vice-Minister for war, and co-signatory with General Ho Ying-ching of the 1935 peace treaty, is at present in Tientsin on a special mission.

Commenting on the Tokyo Conference, the Ta Kung Pao in an editorial yesterday declared: "We should do our utmost to conduct prolonged resistance regardless of whether the enemy declares or does not declare war."

"We shall never conclude a peace without honour. We shall never accept the enemy's terms, designed to subjugate us."

"Now it is the urgent hour for all military and civilian masses to support the Government and continue the war."—United Press.

Statement Postponed

Tokyo, Jan. 14. The liaison conference between members of the Government and Imperial Headquarters which was scheduled to take place to-day to consider a public statement clarifying Japan's attitude and policies towards China, has now been postponed for reasons unstated.

Nevertheless the delay lends colour to the belief that the Japanese Government is awaiting a further report regarding the attitude of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

A public statement is now being drafted by the Chief Secretary of the Cabinet, together with officials of the War Office, Navy Office and Foreign Office.

After being submitted to the conference, it will then go before the Cabinet for approval and finally to the throne for Imperial sanction.—Reuter.

War Declaration Urged

Tokyo, Jan. 14. A declaration of war on China immediately, or the withdrawal of recognition by Japan of the Central Government is urged by the Kokumin Domei (National League), a reactionary political party, following a meeting of its parliamentary members.

A statement issued by the organization asked the Government to announce, without further delay, its already decided "fundamental and immutable policies" concerning the China incident. The statement says: "There is no alternative but to withdraw recognition of Chiang Kai-shek and not to deal with the Central Government in building the new fabric of the Far East, in the present circumstances."

The statement deprecated the suggestion of peace should Chiang Kai-shek reconsider his anti-Japanese attitude, and urged the Cabinet to ask the Emperor to declare war on China immediately, or to withdraw recognition from the Central Government.—Reuter.

Motor-Cyclist Badly Hurt

A motor-cycle accident occurred on the Shek O Road, two miles from Island Road yesterday, involving two employees of Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd.

The men, Lo Chu-wah, driver, and Cheung Yuen-wing, riding pillion, were proceeding towards town on a motor-cycle owned by the Company, when, for some unknown reason, suddenly left the road and plunged into a nullah, about 15 feet deep.

Both men were thrown off, Lo receiving severe head injuries, necessitating his removal to the Queen Mary Hospital. Cheung was not hurt.

KEPT UNREGISTERED MUI-TSAI

A war refugee, Sin Wai-fong, 50, married woman, of 303 Hennessy Road, was charged before Mr. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning with keeping an unregistered mui-tsai, Kwan Wing, alias Chai Tip, 11, and with bringing the girl into the Colony.

Inspector H. W. Fraser, attached to the Secretariat for Chinese affairs, said the woman arrived in Hongkong on December 26, and had reported to the S.C.A. on January 12, with a view to having the girl registered. The mui-tsai had been presented to defendant in July, 1937, for \$97, and was very well treated.

Defendant was cautioned.

ULSTER TO GO TO POLLS

Clear-Cut Vote On Partition Issue Sought

Belfast, Jan. 13. A special meeting of the Cabinet decided to tackle the election immediately. The Parliament of Northern Ireland will be dissolved on January 20, with nominations on January 20 and polling on February 9.

A statement issued by Lord Craigavon reads: "In view of the recent statement of Mr. De Valera that he proposes to raise the question of partition at the forthcoming discussions with the British Government, I feel it necessary to put the position of Ulster beyond doubt. Ever since I assumed office I have emphasised in all quarters that the loyal solidarity of the Ulster people on this matter is of vital importance."

"The opportunity now represents itself under our system of representative Government to allow the people to pronounce upon the issues themselves, and I have no doubt with regard to the answer they will give."—Reuter Special.

Freighter In Japanese Fort's Zone

ANOTHER MOLLER BOAT INVOLVED

Tokyo, Jan. 14. Yet another Moller freighter has run foul of the Japanese authorities for alleged entry into a fortified zone. The latest is the Hannah Moller of 2,931 tons, which, according to Japanese reports, was found in Tsururu Straits, south of Hokkaido on Wednesday morning. It is believed the vessel was forced to seek shelter due to the heavy blizzards prevailing Wednesday.

It is recalled that the Marion Moller was found anchored in a fortified zone at Tokyo Bay on January 7.—Reuter.

Britain To Speed Planes' Production

Significant Changes In Control Body

London, Jan. 13. Further acceleration of aircraft production in England is foreshadowed in an important change of control of the Society of British Aircraft Constructors, involving the appointment of a Chairman from outside the industry.

Sir Charles Bruce Gardner has been appointed as first Executive Chairman of the Society and Mr. Handley Page, now Chairman, will occupy the newly created position of President.

The official statement recalls that the Society was organised in 1916 to deal with war-time production problems and has since acted as a co-ordinating and consultative body in such matters of principle as are of general concern to the aircraft industry.

The requirements of the Royal Air Force programme and increased demands upon the elected Chairman in his dual capacity as manufacturer and head of the Society has led the Council to make the above appointment.

Sir Bruce Gardner will particularly be concerned with interpreting to the Air Ministry and the industry the views and wishes of the one to the other and ensuring the well-being of the industry in its development.—Reuter Special.

Gen. Franco Must Fight Desertion

Gibraltar, Jan. 13. In order to prevent desertion from the insurgent ranks, a detachment of General Franco's cavalry, composed of 25 mounted men, has been placed on neutral ground between insurgent and British territory.

The move is the sequel to increasing desertions by troops. Coastal guards have also reinforced Tarifa, Algeciras and Lincea, where many machine-guns are installed.—Reuter.

CONVERSION OF DUTCH LOAN

The Hague, Jan. 13. The Netherlands Finance Minister has concluded arrangements for the conversion of 1,700,000 florins of the Government 4 per cent. loan. The new loan will mature in 30 years. The rate of interest will be three per cent. for the first ten years and 3½ per cent. thereafter. The price is 100½ per cent. The subscription list will close on January 27.—Reuter Special.

PLANE HUNTS FOR WRECKAGE

Pagapago, Jan. 14. The plane from U.S.S. Avocet continues to search by day for wreckage or bodies from the destroyed Samoa Clipper.—United Press.

BRITISH MISSION TO PORTUGAL

London, Jan. 13. The British Service Mission which is to visit Portugal will arrive in Lisbon about February 20.—British Wireless.

NEW BRITISH MINISTER APPOINTED TO SOFIA

London, Jan. 13. The King has approved the appointment of Mr. George William Wendal, a counsellor in the Foreign Office to be His Majesty's Envoy-Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Sofia.—British Wireless.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS DECLINE

Encouraging Reports For Colony In Past Three Weeks

During the past three weeks traffic accidents in Hongkong have decreased by over 40 per cent.

But the number of fatalities and injuries to persons involved in the accidents have increased.

Last week two Chinese men were killed through alighting or falling off moving vehicles.

Seventeen persons were injured, ten so seriously that they had to be admitted to hospital.

Collisions between vehicles accounted for exactly half of the traffic accidents reported to the police, and were responsible for injuries to three persons.

The Chinese habit of walking on the roadway instead of using foot-paths claimed five victims, four of whom were admitted to hospital.

Each of the four accidents caused through persons walking across a roadway in front of moving vehicles claimed a hospital victim.

Private motor cars were again the chief offenders, being involved in 28 of the 45 accidents reported. Motor lorries were next with 13 cases, and motor buses were involved in 12 accidents.

Of the seventeen persons injured in accidents, nine were pedestrians, five were bus passengers, alighting from or attempting to board moving vehicles, and two were rickshaw pullers.

Only 45 traffic accidents were reported, compared with 58 in the week ending January 1 and 75 in the week ending December 25.

SINGAPORE BASE OPENS FEB. 11

Preceded By Air, Sea, Land Manoeuvres

London, Jan. 13. The opening of the Singapore base will be on February 11, ships participating being H.M.S. Emerald, flagship of the East Indian Station, two cruisers from the East Indies, three escort vessels from the Royal Indian Navy and one or two mixed craft from the China Fleet.

Twenty-five warships, 10,000 troops and numerous aeroplanes are participating in manoeuvres from January 31 to February 5.—United Press.

BRITAIN DISLIKES CONSULAR PARITY

London, Jan. 13. In connection with the Russian Government's declaration of its intention to observe a principle of parity in consular representation, it is stated in official quarters in London to-day, that while the matter of adjustment of consular representation of the two countries was the subject of friendly discussion between the two governments, the British Government does not consider the principle of parity appropriate to consular representation, as a rigid insistence on parity would appear to cut right across the whole purpose of such representation.—British Wireless.

Appearing on remand before Mr. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, Li Cheung, 26, unemployed, was fined \$5 with the alternative of two weeks' hard labour for the theft of a cat from No. 40 Bowring Road on Wednesday.

Singapore Visit May Be Significant

U.S. Warships Will Call At Base

Washington, Jan. 13.

Some quarters consider as highly significant, in view of the Orient situation, the announcement by the Navy Department that the U.S. cruisers Trenton, Milwaukee and Memphis, after paying a courtesy call at Sydney, are going to Singapore for the formal opening of the new naval base.

They attach added importance to announcement in view of the prolonged, but never denied reports, that in the event of duty in the Orient, the American fleet might be invited to utilise the base at Singapore. Attention is drawn to the fact that although as a matter of routine, American warships visit Singapore, this is the first time U.S. ships have been ordered to make a special call.

It is officially stated that it is not the plan to have the vessels to make other calls, hence the possibility of their visiting Chinese and Japanese ports is eliminated. However, it is likely they will touch Manila and Honolulu for short stays on the way home.—United Press.

U.S. WARSHIPS HEADING FOR SYDNEY

Washington, Jan. 13. The United States Navy Department states that the cruisers Trenton, Milwaukee and Memphis are at present on their way to Sydney to attend the New South Wales' 150th anniversary.

They will later represent the United States at the formal opening of the naval base in Singapore.

The ships are commanded by Rear-Admiral Julius Townsend.—Reuter.

Post Reward For Murderer

A reward of \$250 is being offered by the police for information leading to the arrest of the persons responsible for the murder of Tam Ki-san, a Chinese, who was stabbed to death by one of four men near the Hongkong Football Club grounds, Happy Valley, about midnight on Wednesday.

The men detained by the police for enquiries all have been released. It is learned.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS

The list of unclaimed telegrams lying at Cable and Wireless Limited follows:

Hassan, Palace Hotel Kowloon, from Tientsin; Maxwell Corpening, Peninsula Hotel, from Chicago; Chan-erosey from Bradford; Benny C.E.R.A. Warship Tamar, from Devonport; Camilla Dragatzeva, Kowloon Hotel Kowloon, from Hongkong; Mohsu, from Hankow; Dhuru, from Manila; Casacraft from Swatow; Miss P. E. Harvey, Kingsville Hotel, Carnarvon Road, Kowloon from Carnarvon.

NEW GOVERNOR OF BELGIAN BANK

Brussels, Jan. 13. M. Georges Janssens has been appointed Governor of the Bank of Belgium in succession to the late M. Louis Franck.

A former Cabinet Minister, M. Paul Charles has been appointed Managing-Director of the Belgian-Congo Bank.—Reuter Special.

RADIO BROADCAST

Gaston D'Aquino (Tenor) From the Studio

RIGOLETTO: ACTS 2 AND 3

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6.0-7 p.m. Chinese Programme.

7.0 Dance Music.

Foxtrot—Lights Out; I'm shooting High... Little Jack Little & His Orchestra. This Year's Kiss; You're laughing at Me... Roy Smek and His Hawaiian Serenaders. Slow Foxtrot—Would You... Waltz—A Waltz was born in Vienna... The Music Makers. Foxtrot—A melody for Two; September in the Rain... Jack Hylton & His Orchestra. Tango—Questa Notte ti dirò... Mantovani & His Orchestra.

7.30 Variety.

Vocal—I'll Sing These Songs of Araby; I Know of Two Bright Eyes... Ben Davies (Tenor). Orchestral—From Near and Far—Austrian Waltz Melodies... Vienna Accordion Orchestra. Vocal—My Heart will be Dancing; Lilac Domino Waltz Song... June Knight. Orchestral—Tuesdays of Not So Long Ago 1923-4... New Mayfair Orchestra. Selection from "Once Upon A Time"... New Mayfair Orchestra.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Gaston D'Aquino (Tenor) acc. by E. O'Neill Shaw.

1. (a) Penso; (b) Ave Maria; (c) Matinala... Tosti. 2. (a) To One Beloved; (b) Roses Red in the Garden; (c) Down in the Forest... London Ronald. 3. (a) Mamma Mia! (Special Request)... Nutile; (b) Occhi turchini... Denza.

8.30 London Relay—"Food for Thought." Three short talks on matters of topical interest.

8.50 A concert of Russian Music. Lindow—A Musical Snuff Box... Orchestra Raymond. Moussorgsky—Hopak, Melodie Russe... Alexander Koubitzky (Tenor). Glazounow—Scenes de Ballet Op. 52... New Symphony Orchestra conducted by Eugene Goossens. Moussorgsky—"Boris Godounov"—Farewell of Paris; Death of Boris... Chabrier.

9.30 London Relay—"The News."

9.50 "Rigoletto," Acts 2 and 3 (Verdi).

Riccardo Stracciari, Dino Borgioli, Duilio Bonaldi, Guido Uxa, Eugenio Dall'Argia, Mercedes Caspi, Ernesto Dominici, Masetti, Easli, Chorus of La Scala Milan, and the Milan Symphony Orchestra.

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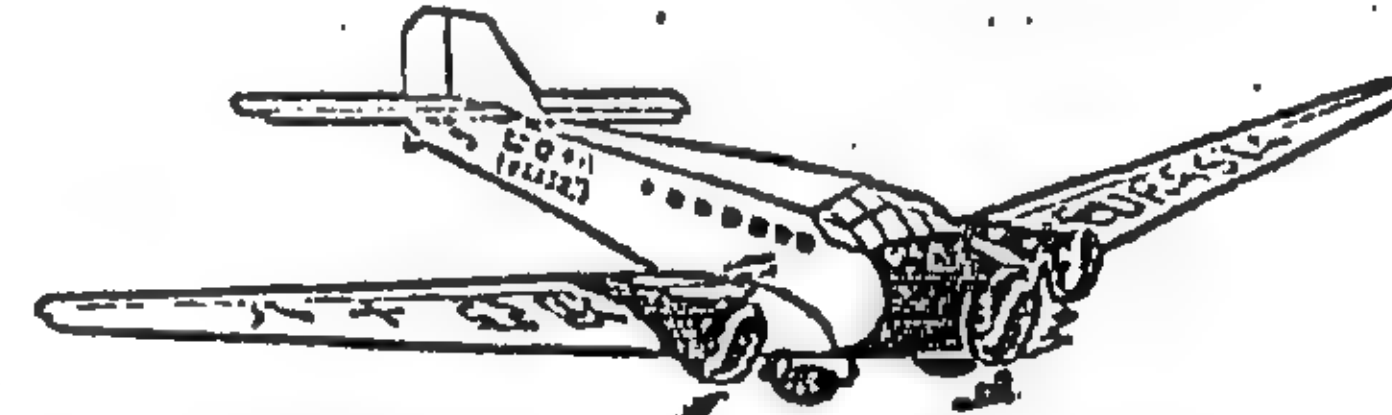
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NEW COLONIAL ADMINISTRATION APPOINTMENTS

London, Jan. 13. The King has approved the appointment of Sir Mark Aitchison Young, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Barbados, to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Tanganyika Territory, succeeding Sir H. Macmillan, whose appointment as High Commissioner and Commander-in-Chief for Palestine, and High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan recently received His Majesty's approval.

His Majesty has also approved the appointment of Mr. Eubule John Waddington, Colonial Secretary of British Guiana, to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Barbados.—British Wireless.

JAPAN CURTAILING CONSUMPTION OF RAW COTTON

Washington, Jan. 13. The American commercial attaché at Tokyo has reported that the Japanese Ministry of Commerce is taking drastic steps to curtail the consumption of raw cotton, which become effective on February 1. All cotton yarn used for the manufacture of goods for domestic consumption must be mixed with 50 per cent. of staple fibre which is a synthetic material.—United Press.

Two workmen, Chung Yam-mul, 48, and Chen Kam, were injured when part of the hillside near Victoria Fort, Kennedy Town, collapsed yesterday. They were taken to the Queen Mary Hospital.—United Press.

Cricket Notes

By "R. Abbit"

Civil Servants Enjoying Some Success

CRUSHING DEFEAT OF CLUB DE RECREIO

One of the most crushing victories of last Saturday was obtained by the Civil Service who shot out Club de Recreio for 64 runs, and one of the most noticeable features of this season as regards individual players has been the marked improvement of F. Baker. He was always a useful bowler though he has always been rather unlucky in the matter of wickets. This year, however, he has improved his batting enormously and though I should not call him either a correct or a polished performer, he gets runs very quickly.

Practically all the men he got in the Club de Recreio have good experience of cricket and a good many of them represented the University. I think, in its better days, in view of this, Baker's analysis of 13-15-16-7 was a remarkably good one. The Civil Service are undoubtedly looking up. I am told Perry bowled uncommonly well to start with as well. The Civil Service had no trouble in knocking off the runs. I am not sure that they will not do as well as anyone except, perhaps, the Hong Kong Club in the Shield competition, but actually it really does not matter a bit whether they win or lose. They play good sporting cricket and it is pleasant to see them enjoying some measure of success after several poor years.

A NEAR THING

The Indian Recreation Club continued their habit of doing something amazing. Their first three batsmen scored respectively 19, 67, and 27, and I am told that 110 was up for one wicket. However, they managed to be all out for 142 though of course they were bustling. There were no less than three people run out. A. H. Madan's was particularly a bad one.

The Craigengower side were also a bit in and out, and made a good start—I believe Youngsaye is very much more useful when he goes in first than when he goes in number 8—but afterwards there was a slump until C. A. Souza joined. R. H. Esmail. Both these cricketers are going on and I should like to see them play under even more important conditions, i.e., in some trial games for the next Interport. Souza was not out for 47 in the end and C.C.C. just managed to crawl off a last-ditch (if you look at it from the point of view of the I.R.C.) or (if you look at it from the point of view of Craigengower), they just had no time to get the 11 runs necessary for victory! It was a good close match. One thing that strikes me as very curious is that Minu always seems more dangerous against the Club.

SPORT ADVTS.

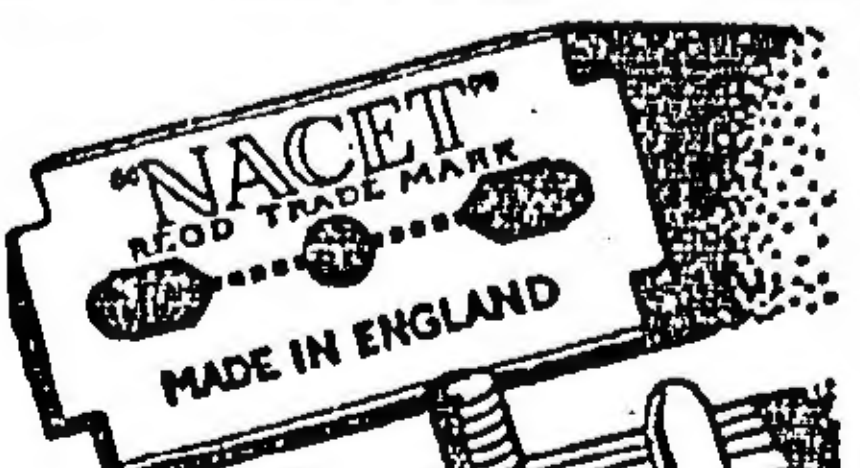
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the Army and the Navy batmen. Against the K.C.C. and C.C.C. he does not seem to have the same terrors.

JUNIOR DIVISION

The Kowloon second eleven still remain under their cloud and they were thoroughly beaten by the Army "A" side. The only person to make any decent score for them was Dunne, who made 42. Baxter is still in his bad patch and I am inclined to think it is the result of steadily sticking to the Junior division cricket. It is not too late, in my humble opinion, for him to develop into the good cricketer he showed promise of being, if he was played regularly in the first and got some coaching and encouragement from the older heads—both players and those who have retired from the game. The Army "A", for whom Sgt. Baker made 66 and Sgt. Bennett 47, ran up 142 for five wickets.

CRAIGENGOWER'S SUCCESS

Whatever view may be taken of the result of the first division game between the I.R.C. and C.C.C. there is no doubt that the Craigengower second put it right across. I.R.C. second. They seemed to have a remarkable amount of batting as they had no difficulty in running up 191 for 9 wickets declared against the I.R.C. bowling, which previously a week or two ago had put K.C.C. second out for a small score. I saw the beginning of the I.R.C. batting and they appeared completely comfortable. I am beginning to realise, however, that once I. All, H. T. Barina and K. M. Rumjahn have gone, the batting is that there will be very little more run getting in the side.

NAVY STILL WIN

In the Second Division this year all our old idols seem to be revealing the feet of clay. I.R.C.C. second eleven looked pretty fair to me on paper, but they could collect no more than a miserable 85, of which Mitchell, Bishop and Fox made 61 runs between themselves. Apart from a patch of three snappy I.R.C. batsmen and one run out after the fall of the second wicket, I think, the Navy had not much to worry about, though actually they only got 103. They are still on the top of the League table though Craigengower, who personally I think are a better side, can draw level by winning the match that they are in arrears. However, the Navy certainly deserve all the luck they can have as they are fighting a desperate battle with the few people who have not gone down to the Singapore manoeuvres, or perhaps I should say on the southern cruise! I take off my hat to their Secretary.

POLICE WIN

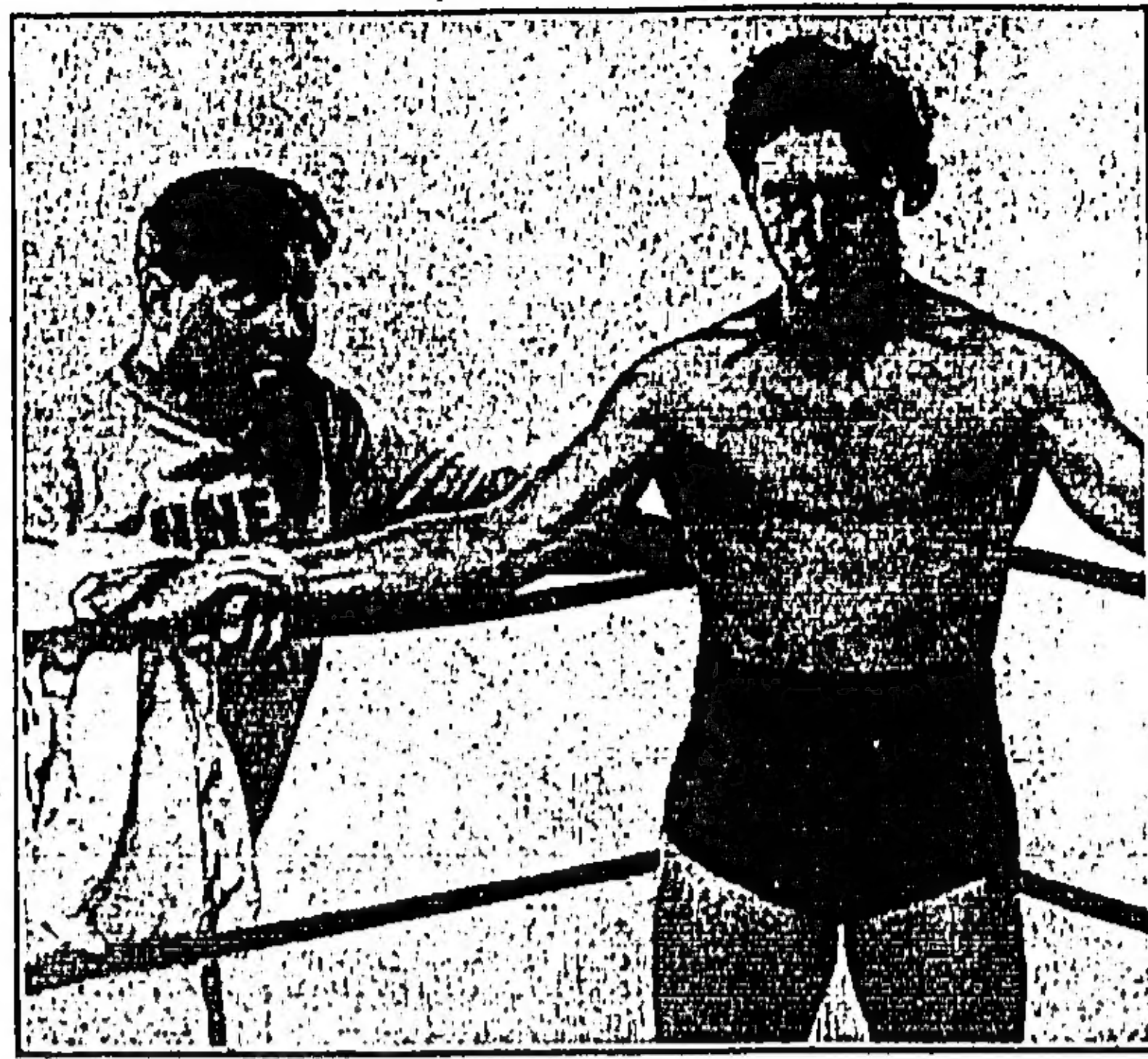
Poor old Army "B" made a gallant struggle of it with the Police, who had one of their good days with the bat. I should very much like to see Pope in big cricket here (if there was any), as he has been doing consistently well in the junior games. Last Saturday, he made 57, took 7 wickets for 58 runs, bowling unchanged. The Police's total of 101 was far too much for the Army, though, after they had lost three wickets cheaply, they died game.

BAD BATTING

The Civil Service, who occupied the laudable position of 9th in the League table (it sounds better that way!) had a setback when they came up against the University. As matter of fact they were very much out of luck as they had several men away and Haynes had a crooked foot. Even so, up to a period, they did uncommonly well after the University had made a big start. (Incidentally I did not know that my old friend Crawley was a trundler). A last wicket stand however put on about 40 runs and instead of facing a total of just over 100, the C.S.C.C. had to get 152 and that was, and always will be, I fear, beyond. Any way they were unable to obtain more than 61. However I begin to see the beginning of better things in this side. Good luck to them.

THE BATTLE OF THE BLUES

For several years past the annual match between Oxford and Cambridge has provided an extremely interesting game, and on Wednesday



The opening scenes in "Fight For Your Lady", now showing at the Queen's Theatre, are those of a wrestling match before an audience of London notables. Jack Oakie is seen as a hard-boiled American, and is co-starred with John Boles. On the stage, Evelyn and Ted Chen, famous Chinese dancers, will present a series of Oriental and western dances.

last probably, the most thrilling game, of the whole lot was played. In 1937 Oxford won by one wicket, a ball going for four byes and missing the stumps by an inch. This year Oxford won by one run, a hit that might well have reached a bit more, being brilliantly caught at mid-on. The standard of this match used to be pretty low and in previous days it was usually a question of one or two outstanding players and the rest completely useless. I think Wednesday's game showed more all round talent than has ever been on view. The whole point from the start was whether Oxford's undoubted superiority in batting would turn the scale against the better Cambridge bowling. Cambridge were unlucky in that within 24 hours of the match, three of their best players had to call off. Lloyd had to go up to Canton, J. Barrow was ill, and Man, who had been tried for Cambridge as wicketkeeper and is a useful bat, all had to cry off.

AN EXCELLENT START

Oxford began with Baines and Ride, and they defied the Cambridge bowling for about 18 overs or more. They sent 60 up without loss, but then Ride mistimed one from McLellan and was caught and bowled. (63-1-42). A hard hitting innings marred only by a very close L.B.W. and two or three snicks in the slips early on. Wickets then fell fast for a time. Griffiths went one run later, the latter L.B.W. to McLellan for 25. Hawkins and Snay then put on 25 but at that score Hawkins was caught in the slips off Barron, who bowled H. Lee two balls later. One run later and Landale was L.B.W. to Hamilton, who bowled three overs to give McLellan a rest. The innings finally closed at 110. Cambridge also started well, and 33 went up before Wooding was bowled by Baines and D'Arcy Evans.

hung on while another 22 were added, chiefly by McLellan. At 55 D'Arcy Evans was L.B.W. to Baines who was bowling very steadily, and then the worst tragedy happened as McLellan not one from Lee on the end of his bat, and the bowler brought off a fine C. and B. However, runs came quietly. Wauchope was bowled at 70, but Wallington and Sargent looked as if they had settled down when the latter was very foolishly run out. (78-5-6). With no change in the score there was an equally silly run out and things looked as dark as possible for the Light Blues. However, Hall and Stock hung on gamely and took the score to 103 before Stock was bowled by Hawkins, whom he had never looked like playing. Five runs later Hall was caught at cover off the same bowler for a very useful 17. Hamilton joined Barron, but after six runs had been scored the latter drove one back tremendously hard at Griffiths and was brilliantly caught. Lindsell played out the over. With six wanted to win, Hamilton, who had had to watch Hawkins very carefully and had taken no liberties with him, managed to reach a leg ball pitched up well, and swept it to long leg. With two runs wanted to win he got hold of a half volley, which was intended to go to mid wicket; unfortunately there was a little extra spin from leg on the ball and he only steered it wide to mid on where Whyatt made a brilliant catch to give Oxford the victory by one run.

It was a delightful game in perfect weather and on one of the best pitches I have ever struck on the Club ground. The Societies are very grateful to the Committee of the Hongkong C. C. for the loan of the ground and the permission to pitch in the Pavilion, alas, alas, for which Cambridge will have to pay! TO-MORROW'S GAMES There is a pretty full programme

Hull Scores Ten Times At Soccer

Third Division Matches

London, Jan. 13.
Playing at home in the Northern Section of the Third Division in the English Football League to-day, Hull scored ten times against Southport and won finally by 10-1.
In the Southern Section, Newport, at home, lost to Torquay by two goals to nil.

Scores:
THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)
Newport 0 Torquay 2
THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)
Hull 10 Southport 1
—Reuter.

CRICKET TEAMS SELECTED

Recreio Players For League

The following have been chosen to represent the Club de Recreio 1st and 2nd XI in League games to be played to-morrow commencing at 2 p.m. sharp:

1st XI against I. R. C. (Away).—E. L. Gosano, A. M. Rodrigues, A. H. Paulo, V. A. Reed, P. M. N. da Silva, J. A. P. Pereira, H. L. Ozorio, E. M. L. Soares, A. V. Gosano, J. E. Noronha and N. Beltrao.
2nd XI against Army "A" (Home).—F. H. Carvalho, E. A. R. Alves, L. G. Gosano, A. E. Noronha, C. P. Basto, R. A. Marques, J. Soares, H. M. Xavier, M. Mendonca, A. A. Lopes and A. N. Other.

to-morrow as there are nine League games down for decision. In the Senior Division the I.R.C. who are at home to Recreio should win their match, but in the others there should be a good struggle. On the Club ground I would back the home side against the Army, but if the latter can put out their full strength they might quite possibly draw the game—or even win it—at Sookonpo. Though their bowling is on the weak side, the Civil Service almost always do badly against Craigengower on the ground of the latter Club but it may be the turn of the luck. There is little to choose between the sides. As for the Navy-K.C.C. game it is a question if whether the Navy professors come off, for they will naturally have a very weak side and I shall be surprised if K.C.C. do not win.

JUNIOR DIVISION

Turning to Junior games there should be an excellent dog-fight between University and I.R.C. second. The teams are rather like each other—I don't quite know how to explain it, but they are I fear C.S.C.C. will get a hiding from Craigengower and I fancy that the Club second should manage to beat the Army B. Army A should have the better of Recreio—but as for the K.C.C. and Navy match I would not like to forecast! Both can be quite good—or bad!



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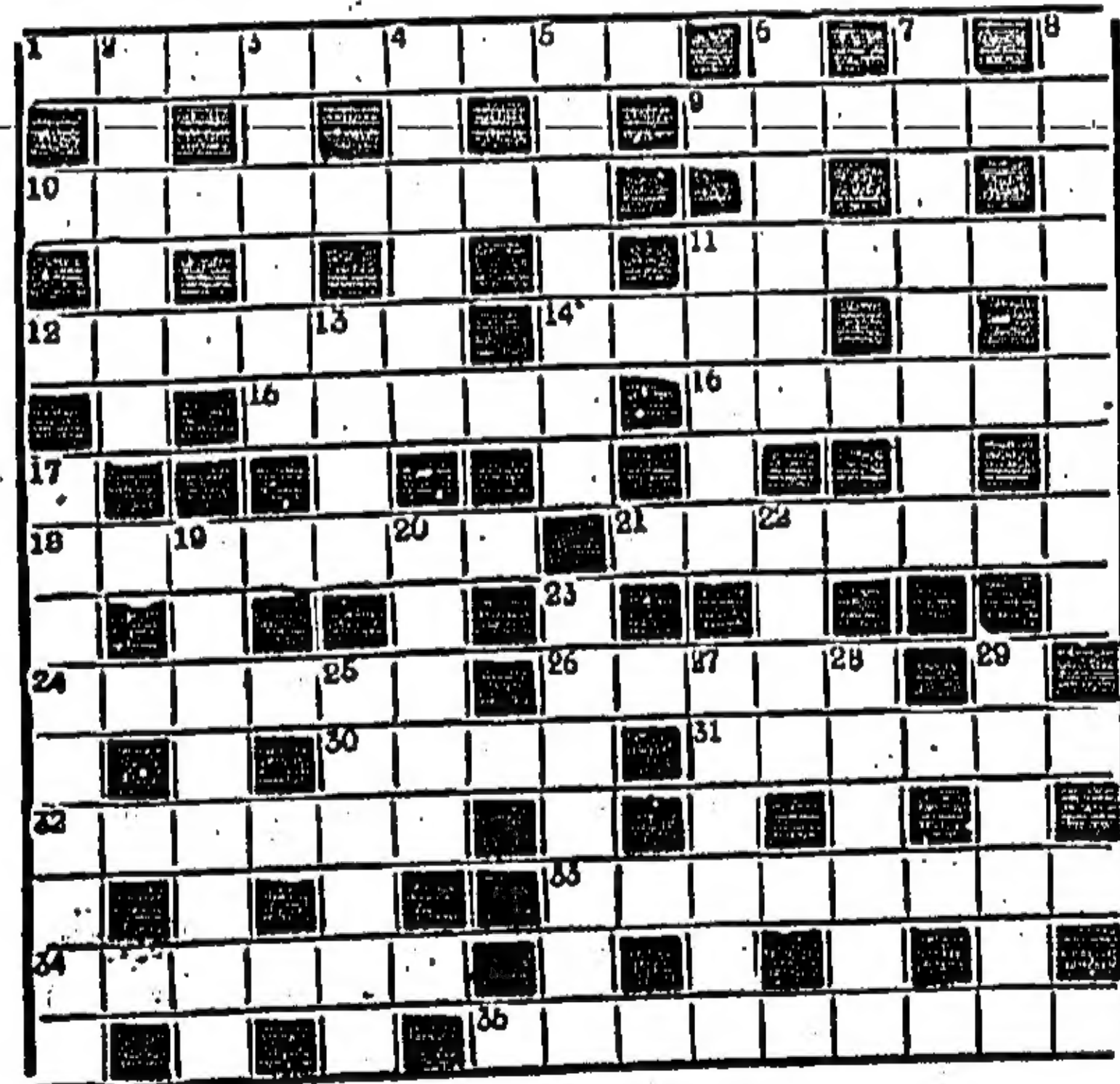
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- 12 You will find this luggage is in a valley (6).
- 14 Metal (4).
- 15 People do not stop long at this town (6).
- 16 This little Thames-side resort has been the death of many (6).
- 18 Check (7).
- 21 Popular drug (7).
- 24 This trader might come from Ulster (6).
- 26 Send (6).
- 30 An essential of music (4).
- 31 Charm (6).
- 32 A feature common to good music and poetry (6).
- 33 Genial (6).
- 34 "Canter" (anag.) (6).
- 35 What sounds like mine host's job is harmonious (two words — 2, 7).

DOWN

- 2 Much in the air at a Rodeo (6).
- 3 Abracadabra is an example of this sort of word (6).
- 4 Transference of the vowels would make this bit of a house vegetable (6).
- 5 Fish that suggests a negro, butler urging his master to eat (6).
- 6 This is best when a double number (6).

- 7 This is not so good (8).
- 8 "Agnes went" (anag.) (6).
- 11 Sham (6).
- 13 The sea-angler's only catch? (4).
- 17 It is a certainty that this person is lying (6).
- 19 Sounds like Peter Pan's sister, useful in the kitchen (6).
- 20 A medical preparation (6).
- 22 You know this ate a prelate (4).
- 23 Kind of china (7).
- 25 10 across may have committed breach of these rules (6).
- 27 Stone popular with the young (6).
- 28 Vegetable (6).
- 29 If a singer is upset he can be made to this (6).

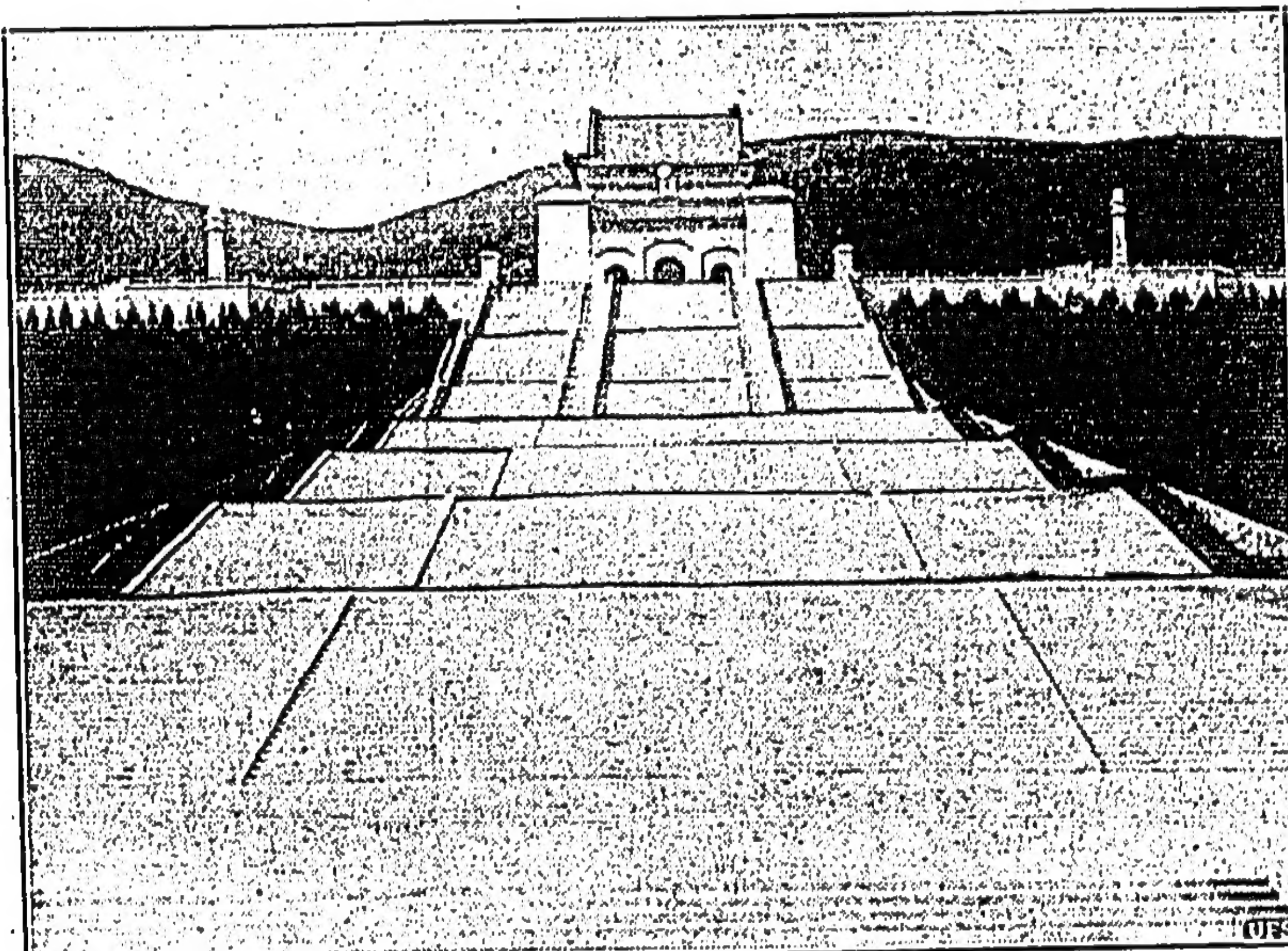
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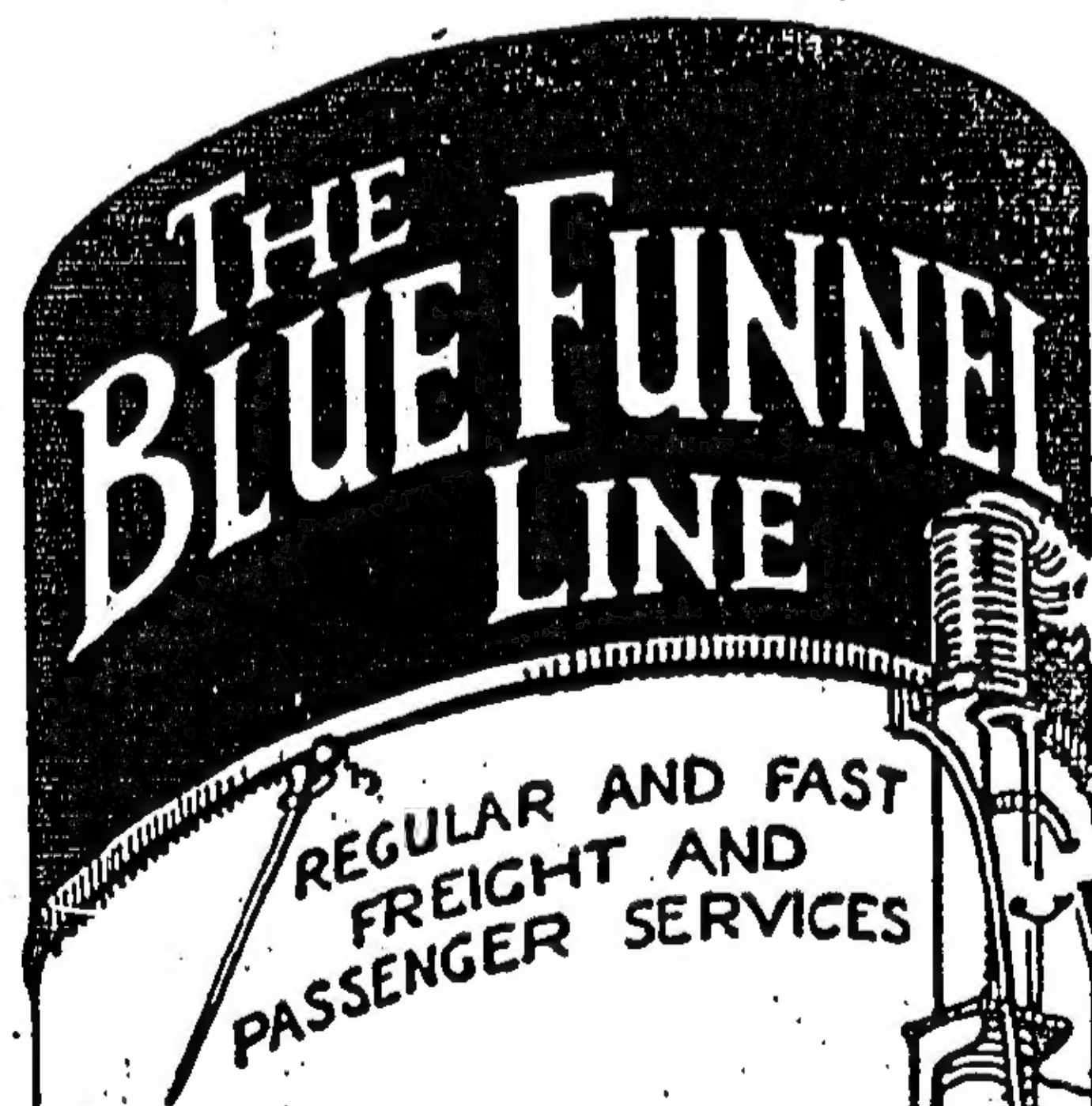
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CURIOSITY—Deeply interested in mining operations, King Leopold of the Belgians satisfies royal curiosity by a peep through the eye-piece of laboratory apparatus, during the centenary celebration at the Mining School of the University of Liege, Belgium, recently. Reports that the 30-year-old widowed sovereign would marry, aroused by his visit to the Duke of Portland in England, have been officially denied.



SUN'S TOMB TAKEN BY JAPANESE—Japanese troops took possession of the compound surrounding Dr. Sun Yat-sen's tomb on Purple Mountain in Nanking's suburbs. Above is the Memorial Hall at the Mausoleum, with Purple Mountain in background. Dr. Sun, revolutionary and statesman, was regarded as the Chinese George Washington. He died in 1925.



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It is reported that discussion on the navigation of the Yangtze between the British Ambassador and the Foreign Office was suspended until further reports have been received from Shanghai.
Reuter Bulletin.

It was a private ceremony and the bride remains unidentified, officials being silent concerning the bride.

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